

# UiNVEST inks partnership with Sabah Skills and Technology Centre

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KOTA KINABALU: UMS Investment Holdings Sdn Bhd (UiNVEST), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Sabah Skills and Technology Centre (SSTC) to promote plantation management and agro-based skills courses.

"This agreement is seen as one of the efforts to strengthen education development and further enhance the skills of the youths in Sabah as well as with the State Government's goal towards creating a competent and competitive skills industry.

"This collaboration is also a step forward in promoting youths in Sabah to have the required expertise and technical knowledge working in agriculture and agro-agriculture," UiNVEST Group Chief Executive Officer, Ramlan Awang Ali said in a statement yesterday.

The programme will also enhance the knowledge of trainees.

"At the same time, trainees will be taught to become professionally trained workers because they will be exposed to the actual working environment in the industry throughout the course of



Ramlan (3rd left) exchanging agreements with Natalie.

study.

"Both of these programmes will involve a one-year study at SSTC," he said, adding that the courses are suitable for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) students or equivalent with the Malaysian High School Certificate (STPM).

Contrary to common perception here, Ramlan said that in developed countries such as Japan, Australia and Netherlands, farming is a major source of income.

"It is evident that agriculture is one of the areas that promises a wide range of job

opportunities. Thus it is wrong for some who think that farming vocations are second-class work.

"Hence, I would like to call on the community, especially the younger generation to take full advantage of the programmes offered includ-

ing those who still have not received any offers from any university," he said.

During the event, SSTC was represented by its director Natalie Fung and Training Manager, Jennifer Michael.

Also present were UiN-

VEST Group General Manager, Yusak Yumboris @ Misek; Head of UMS Professional Development Centre (UCPD), Mohd Hamdan Ruhimin; and Head of UiNVEST Marketing and Promotion Section, Nerwani Shereen Halik.