

Technology, innovation key to proper environmental management – MOSTI

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KOTA KINABALU: The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) leads various initiatives and programmes that support, nurture and encourage the growth of science, technology and innovation

MOSTI vice-secretary of Science, Associate Professor Dr. Ramzah Dambul said that technology and innovation are key to sustainable development, and proper environmental management.

He also reiterated MOSTI's commitment to environmental welfare during his speech at the dinner for the opening of the 4th International Conference on Southeast Asian Natural Resources and Environmental Management (SANREM) 2017, on Monday at the Pacific Sutera Hotel, here.

The conference carries the theme 'Sustainable Development toward Better Quality of Life'.

Meanwhile Dean of FSSA, Prof. Dr. Baba Musta said the SANREM 2017's purpose was to allow deliberating on the potential of natural resources of Southeast Asian region, as well as to discuss problems, prospects, and new developments on the field of environmental management.

"SANREM is important to provide the opportunities to



OPENING ... Ramzah (2nd left), sounds the gong at the opening of SANREM 2017 on Monday at the Pacific Sutera Hotel.

experts, academicians, policy makers and others to share their experience and find the best way forward," he said.

UMS Assistant Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Marcus Jopony also added: "Ever since it's establishment in 1995, UMS has been making significant strides in the promoting of the sustainable development of natural resources, and environmental management for the better-

ment of humanbeings through academic, research and social service programmes.

"It is in line with the theme that has been choosing this year," he said while presenting welcoming remarks on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin.

It is hoped that SANREM 2017 will further assist to instill an appreciation of natural heritage and create awareness of the desperate need to pro-

tect what is left of our natural resources, and to ensure environments in the region that have been left unblemished remain so.

The conference so far has seen a total of 58 papers and 14 presentations. The conference started on Monday and will conclude on Wednesday.

60 participants from Nigeria, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, Bangladesh and India are also in attendance.