



SABAH ENVOYS: Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman discussing with the newly appointed Malaysia High Commissioner to Brunei and Papua New Guinea, Datuk Awang Sahak Awang Salleh (second from left) and Jilid Kuminding (left) during a courtesy call at the Chief Minister's official residence in Sri Gaya on Monday. Awang Sahak will be leading the Malaysia mission in Brunei while Jilid will lead the mission in Papua New Guinea. Both High Commissioners are from Sabah.

Third phase of UMS lobster rehabilitation, rearing programme launched

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KOTA KINABALU: The third phase of the University Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) lobster rehabilitation and rearing programme was launched concurrently with the awareness programme on the importance of Sungai Petagas by Deputy Chief Minister cum Petagas assemblyman Datuk Seri Panglima Yahya Hussin on Sunday.

During the launch, which was organised by the Borneo Marine Research Institute of University

Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Yahya reminded the people on the value of Sungai Petagas, which he described as very much alive.

"The river has played an important role as a source for various purposes in human life since the beginning of time, including for drinking, transportation, and many more. Hence, it is of great importance for us not to litter it as pollution would gravely damage the ecosystem in the river.

Our role is not only in rehabilitating the river, but also to improve and beautify its condition," he reiterated.

Yahya added that with the river well taken care of, fishery stocks will improve for the benefit of the local people.

Also present at the launching ceremony were UMS vice chancellor Professor Mohd Harun Abdullah and the project's chairman, Professor Datin Seri Panglima Dr Ann Anton.