



Dr. Kamaruzaman (seated left) signing the MoU while UGM is represented by Assoc. Ir. Toni Atyanto Dharoko (seated right) witnessed by (standing from left) Bungso Suhaizam Bin Awang, Deputy Registrar UMS, Sahid Soepeno, Consul General, Consulate of Indonesia's Sulawesi, Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X and Bolkia

UMS-UGM ties tighter knot

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KOTA KINABALU: The existing working relationship established between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the University of Gadjah Mada (UGM) has brought many benefits for both parties.

UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said it was very significant in driving excellence in the modernization of the current challenges of globalization.

According to him, UMS together with UGM will continue in strengthening the performance of students' research and to share information.

"The MoU was also made possible with the implementation of various programs including student exchange programs and sending students of the School of Psychology and Social Work of UMS for the practical training in Yogyakarta.

"UMS also welcomed UGM to send their students here for the same purpose," he said at the MoU signing ceremony yesterday between UMS and UGM in conjunction with the visit of the Governor of Istimewa Yogyakarta Region, Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X to Sabah. He said such cooperation also covers

activities between UMS and UGM lecturers through the sharing of research, publication and teaching in relevant conferences and symposia.

Since working together in 2005, both universities have implemented a number of academic activities including management seminars with graduate students of UMS and UGM and the partnership between the academic knowledge and lecturers of the Faculty of Psychology.

Meanwhile, Hamengku told the media that in line with the current globalized world, co-operation signed between UMS and UGM can produce more products, especially the quality of human capital.

According to him, through the products it can also provide competition to the foreign markets, especially from the West.

"With the cooperation between the two countries, we would be able to create development, especially from the aspect of education and thus benefit the people," he said.

He added that the visit will also provide an opportunity for the ministry to seek the possibility of sectors that can be forged.

Also present were Assistant Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Datuk Bolkia Ismail.