

UMS to host sandalwood workshop next month

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KOTA KINABALU: The School of International Tropical Forest (SPTA), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will be hosting a National Sandalwood Inoculation Workshop 2014 next month.

The two-day programme jointly organized with private corporate body, G&G Management Consultant Sdn Bhd, will be held from April 16 to 17.

The workshop will be the first of its kind that involved both theoretical discussions and practical inoculation.

A seminar will be held on the first day at SPTA followed by a field visit to G&G Plantation in Papar the next day, where the

inoculation will be held.

The event is a follow-up to Sabah Sandalwood Seminar held in 2011 and will be attended by various agencies and companies involved in the sandalwood industry.

Workshop secretary Awang Ahmad Mohd Yunus said the event would provide an opportunity for sandalwood planters and operators to gain insight on the latest technologies and development in the industry, besides serving as a platform for business and academic networking.

He said sandalwood inoculation experts such as Professor Ir Dr Abu Bakar from Universitas

Mulawarman Indonesia and Dr Muhamad Lebai Juri of Nuclear Agency Malaysia, would be sharing their knowledge on planting, processing and marketing of sandalwood and sandalwood products.

A proposal for the setting up of Sabah Sandalwood Association will also be presented at the workshop by Datuk George A Ginibun of G&G Management Consultant Sdn Bhd.

Seats are limited to only 65 and those interested in participating in the workshop can contact the organizer at 016-8124883 (Ahma) to make their booking.