

# UMS launches two educational books

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) launched two educational books titled 'Arkeologi Maritim Borneo' and 'Bajau Pantai Timur' at its library here yesterday.

The first book, "Arkeologi Maritim Borneo" which means the Maritime Archeology of Borneo, was written based on researches conducted from 2003 to 2007 on underwater archeology, marine science, geography and history of Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat and Matunggong.

According to the reviewer, Dr Mohd Sohaimi Esa, who is also a lecturer in UMS, the book is one of the most important references that can be seen in the development of maritime archeology research, especially in Tanjung Simpang Mengayau and Malaysia in general.

Sohaimi then revealed that the research that contributed to the book had won silver in the UMS Research and Invention Competition 2008 and a bronze in the same competition in 2007.



Dr Mohd Sohaimi Esa and Dr Gusni Saat showing UMS students the newly launched books.

The research involved various agencies including UMS, the Museum Department of Malaysia and the Museum Department of Sabah.

"I believe that the result from the research could be seen

as a product of good quality, educational and recognized by its importance in the context of knowledge," he added.

He hopes the book will prove that local experts were capable of conducting underwater

archaeology and maritime archaeology research in Malaysia without relying on foreign expertise.

"Continuous development in maritime archeology research will become the foundation in

our efforts to conserve, protect and restore our environmental heritage," he added.

With nine chapters, the book written by Baszley Bee Basrah Bee is priced at RM80 for the soft cover edition and RM100 for a hard cover edition at the UMS library.

The second book titled 'Bajau Pantai Timur', which means the East Coast Bajaus, explains the confusion of the Bajau race and their identity issues.

Its reviewer, Professor Madya Dr Gusni Saat, said that the book aims to explain about the East Coast Bajaus, including ethnic identity, life cycle process, cultural heritage, economic activity, water transportation system, education and politics of the race.

"This book is the first ethnography edition on the Bajau Semporna ethnic group, and is a very interesting attempt at producing such quality East Coast Sabah Bajau ethnography," he said.

The book is edited by Md Saffie Abd Rahim, Sabihah Osman and Ramzah Dambul and available at the UMS library for RM40.