

# UMS-HAS collaboration

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**A DELEGATION from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin recently visited Heilongjiang Academy of Sciences (HAS) in Harbin, China.**

**Discussion were held with Prof Guo Chunjing, President of HAS, and other senior officials of the academy, as well as with key researchers from Institute of Microbiology, a comprehensive research institute under HAS.**

**Academic and research collaboration between UMS and HAS have been established since 2012, and both institution are strongly committed to further enhance this collaboration for the next five years.**

**Among the focus areas are research and cultivation of edible mushrooms, research on soil and crop improvement using microbes and organic amendments, research on functional food, and student and staff mobility.**

**A new initiative to be pursued in this collaboration is smart partnership with the industries.**

**Among the delegation from UMS during this visit is Datuk Yap Yun Fook who is an adjunct professor of UMS as well as a prominent agriculture entrepreneur in Sabah. Picture shows Dr Kamarudin (second right) and Guo (right) during the discussion.**