



Jingshan exchanging memento with Kamarudin.

UMS forms joint ethno-medical research with ZMU

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Zunyi Medical University (ZMU), China, have now entered the second phase of research collaboration since the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two parties on the establishment of The International Joint Laboratory for Ethnomedicine in 2016.

UMS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin, said the second phase will see a significant expansion of research funding provided by the Government of China under the One Belt, One Road Strategy.

"Sabah's rich biodiversity and its array of ethnicities provide great opportunities for enhancing ethnomedical research," he said in his welcome address during the courtesy visit from the delegation of ZMU on Feb 7.

According to Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin, ethnomedicinal studies are fundamental for the discovery of new modern drugs through traditional knowledge.

"Therefore, the coexistence of traditional medicine and biomedicine plays an important role in improving human health in today's world," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor also believes that the ethnomedical research collaboration with ZMU, together with UMS' Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation and Biotechnology Research Centre will lead to high impact scientific and commercial outcomes.

The courtesy visit who led by ZMU's President, Professor Dr. Jingshan Shi was held to discuss the progress of The International Joint Laboratory for Ethnomedicine.