

Research collaboration by UMS, Zunyi Medical University

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Zunyi Medical University (ZMU), China, have now entered the second phase of their research collaboration.

Both universities signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) 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 initiative.

“Sabah’s rich biodiversity and its array of ethnicities provide great opportunities for enhancing ethno medical research,” he said in his welcome address during a courtesy visit from ZMU delegation, on Wednesday.

According to 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 added.

He also believes that the ethnomedical research collaboration with ZMU, together with UMS’s 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 was led by ZMU’s President; Professor Dr. Jingshan Shi who was touched on the progress of The International Joint Laboratory for Ethnomedicine.



ETHNOMEDICINAL STUDIES ... Prof. Dr. Jingshan (4th left) exchanging memento with Prof. Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin.