## UMS to establish centre to accelerate research

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah will establish an Innovation Centre this year to accelerate research process and development.

Its vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said that the centre will also help to commercialise the university's research products.

He said the university had published various publications in high

impact journals published by international publishers.

"I hope more of our researchers will double their efforts to produce more publications for those high impact journals," he said during UMS Research Appreciation Night on Friday.

In relation to this, he announced that last year 626 UMS academic staff

had attended local and international conferences from which 359 research papers were presented. He also noted that some of their research papers had won awards.

He also announced that a total of RM9.2 million was allocated to the university by the government last year to implement 129 new research activities.