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**UNDERSTANDING REACHED...** Prof. Dr. Rosnah Ismail (4th left), representing the Vice Chancellor of University Malaysia Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Kamaruzaman Ampon and Dr. Aziz Deraman (3rd right) with professors from UMS, UMT and Kinki University after the MoU Signing Ceremony between University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and University Malaysia Terengganu held recently at 1Borneo in Kota Kinabalu.

In the same event, UMS also celebrated the opening of the 8th Annual Seminar on Marine Science & Aquaculture jointly organized by UMS and Kinki University, Japan.

The seminar was organized to provide a platform for postgraduate students and post-

doctoral researchers and academic staff from the two institutions to present their work.

The seminar on "sustainable development and management of aquatic resources" is to address concerns on the decline of capture fisheries in Malaysia.

Aquaculture is seen as the only way to bridge the gap between supply and demand fish protein in the future.

With the increasing demand of seafood, Malaysia has identified aquaculture as a National Key Economic Area and set a production target of over 700,000 metric tons under the 10th Malaysia Plan (2011-2015) which can only be met by the application of science and technology.