

# UMS to officially establish ties with China varsity

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will officially establish 'Friendly University' ties with Wuyi University Jiangmen China (WYU) on October 9 to further explore collaboration of international exchange and academic interaction between the two universities.

President of Federation of Jiangmen Associations Malaysia, Datuk Susan Wong, paid a courtesy call on UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Kamarudin D. Mudin recently to propose the intention to set up a friendly relationship between Wuyi University Jiangmen (WYU) and UMS.

Susan, who is also the

president of The United Society of Guangdong Province Association Sabah and president of The United Sabah Sze Yip Association, said that the collaboration between Jiangmen and Kota Kinabalu was consolidated during the Third World Jiangmen Youth Convention held in 2012 here where Jiangmen City Mayor and Kota Kinabalu City Mayor both signed the 'Friendly City' Memoranda of Understanding at the event.

She said that the inter-exchanging in the academic sector between Jiangmen and Kota Kinabalu is potentially high, which will lead to a feasible outcome benefit to both parties.

Susan as the director of Wuyi

University Jiangmen China confirmed that the visiting group led by WYU Chancellor Professor Zhang Kun will arrive in Kota Kinabalu on October 8, while the courtesy call on UMS will be on October 9 together with the signing of the Letter of Intention to establish 'Friendly University' ties.

Kamarudin expressed his appreciation to Susan for her enthusiasm on higher education development in the state.

He welcomed the proposal to establish 'Friendly University' ties with Wuyi University Jiangmen China which integrates with UMS future development blueprint to increase collaboration with international universities.

Kamarudin also congratulated Susan on her appointment as director of Wuyi University, saying it was proof of recognition from a China higher education institute to a Sabahan entrepreneur.

Meanwhile Susan said it was the honour of Sabahans that Kamarudin has been appointed as the new Vice Chancellor of UMS.

Also present during the courtesy call were Datuk Wong Yit Ming, the secretary general of The Federation of Jiangmen Associations Malaysia and The United Society of Guangdong Province Association Sabah, Professor Dr Ho Chong Mun, director of Centre for International Affairs UMS and Mohd Kairuddin,



Susan (second left) during the courtesy call on Kamarudin (second right). Also seen are Wong (left) and Ho.

assistant registrar of Centre for International Affairs UMS.

Wuyi Jiangmen University ranked 10th place among 60

universities in Guangdong Province and successfully achieved the rank of 167th place among universities in China.