



Shahril (right) officiating the opening of the workshop on Sustainable Aquaculture Industry with the Community organised by the Borneo Marine Research Institute of UMS.

UMS to launch Aquaculture Partner to help operators in industry

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will launch an Aquaculture Partner community next year to facilitate players in the aquaculture industry in receiving relevant information.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) of UMS, Professor Dr. Shahril Mohd said Rakan Akuakultur or Aquaculture Partner will render aquaculture operators as partners of the Borneo Marine Research Institute.

This will mean that information can be disseminated to them better and faster and the operators will also be invited to attend any programmes conducted by the institute.

Dr. Shahril was speaking on Wednesday when opening a workshop on Sustainable Aquaculture Industry with the Community organised by the Borneo Marine Research

Institute.

The first of such workshop with aquaculture operators in Sabah by UMS attracted 40 participants from the Fishermen's Youth Group (KUBENA) Kota Belud, Ko-Nelayan Sabah, Sabah Economic Development Investment Authority (SEDIA), Danis Aquaculture, local companies as well as private breeders and fishermen.

Meanwhile director of the institute, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossita Shapawi said Sabah had great potential in the aquaculture industry because of its vast unexplored waters particularly in caged fish farming and freshwater fish aquaculture.

Nevertheless, she stressed that the development of the aquaculture industry must be sustainable and therefore the institute decided to conduct the workshop to share knowledge and technology with local operators in Sabah.



Local aquaculture operators at the workshop