

UMS medical heritage colloquium

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage through its Borneo Heritage Research Unit successfully organised the Multicultural Malaysian Medical Heritage Colloquium here, recently.

Its Organising Chairperson Associate Professor Dr Low Kok On who is also head of the Borneo Heritage Research Unit said the purpose was to gather experts researching traditional medicine in the country.

"A total of five topics were presented, among them, '*Tradition Medicine in the 21st Century*' by the faculty's lecturer Professor Dr Hashim Awang; '*Integrating Islamic Complementary Healing into Modern Medicine*' by Prof. Dr. Supyan Hussin from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and '*Future Trend of Traditional Chinese Medicine*' by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) lecturer Dr. Yam Mun Fei.

"Two more topics presented titled *Thaipusam: The Power to Evoke Spirituality and Faith Healing through a Series of Ritualistic Practices*' also from USM's Dr. Mumtaz Aboo Backer and *Ethnomedicines in Sabah:*



Prof Ismail (right) presenting certificate to a participant.

A Present Status by UMS Conservation and Tropical Biology Institute Senior Lecturer Julius Kulip.

Dr Low said the programme also received a sponsorship of RM7 million from the Higher Education Ministry.

The one-day colloquium was attended by 60 researchers, academic staff and UMS students.