

UMS remains relevant as research and development institution



THANKFUL ... D. Kamarudin (4th right) and Chung (right) exchanging documents, witnessed by No'man (3rd right) and Cheong (2nd right).

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is determined to enhance cooperation with the industry to ensure the university remains relevant as a research and development institution in the country.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said such cooperation was crucial to enable potential research products to be com-

mercialised.

In this regard, he encouraged UMS lecturers to promote networking with the industry as this could elevate the standard of research and teaching at the university.

Mohd. Harun said this in his speech at the signing of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between UMS and Biosain Technologies Sdn Bhd at the UMS Chancellery Building here yesterday.

His speech was read by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International) Prof Dr. D. Kamarudin D. Mudin.

Mohd. Harun welcomed the MOA to undertake a joint venture project for the development of an oil recovery process system.

"This is another milestone for UMS in strengthening good relationship with a Sabah-based industry. We believe that we need to establish



RESEARCH FUND ... D. Kamarudin receiving a replica cheque for RM100,000 from Cheong. Also in the picture are Chung, Jidon (3RD right), No'man (4TH right) and Dayang Rukiah (left).

relationship with industry operators to enable UMS to remain relevant to the country," he said.

Also present were UMS Registrar, No'man Ahmad, Chief Librarian Dayang Rukiah Awang Amit and Biosain Technologies Sdn Bhd directors Cheong Sung Yan and Chung Chin Hing.

The MOA was signed by D. Kamarudin and No'man on behalf of UMS while Biosain Technologies Sdn Bhd was

represented by its two directors, Cheong and Chung.

Under the agreement, Biosain Technologies Sdn Bhd. will provide RM100,000 research fund while UMS will allocate RM70,000 to carry out the joint research project.

Meanwhile, Mohd Harun said he was pleased with the achievement of UMS Faculty of Engineering lecturer Dr Jidon Adrian Janaun for producing a lamb dryer that had

been commercialised and generated a revenue of about RM80,000 to the university through licence fees.

"We are thankful that a local company sees the potential and commercial value of the oil recovery process system being undertaken by Dr Jidon.

"Dr. Jidon and his team are trying to develop a technology to recover residual oil from palm oil mill effluent (POME)," he said.