

Seaweed Research Unit receives two boat engines from YTL Foundation-UMS grant



Kamaruzaman (second left) presenting the boat engines to Baba as Suhaimi (right) looks on

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SEMPORNA: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Seaweed Research Unit receives two boat engines from YTL Foundation-UMS research grant.

UMS head of Seaweed Research Unit Assoc. Professor Dr. Suhaimi Md Yasir said the boat engines will help to ease seaweed research works and at the same time, can help locals to explore on agro tourism potentials here.

Dr. Suhaimi who is a senior lecture at the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources said the boat engines are important as the whole research works are done at the sea, near to Pulau Selakan which takes about 30 minutes to reach (by boat) from Semporna.

“We are also planning to make use of this boat to bring tourists to visit the research site,” he said, adding that the boat engines will provide a chance for the locals to generate new source of income through educational tourism.

The boat engine reception ceremony was officiated by Prof. Datuk Seri Dr. Kamaruzaman Ampon to the dean of Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Prof. Dr. Baba Musta at the UMS Seaweed Research Unit office, Jeti Pelancongan, Semporna, yesterday.

In the event, Prof. Dr. Baba said that the boat engines will help the research team to plant more seaweed off Semporna waters for educational purposes. At the same time, he hoped that this matter will provide locals to generate their income.

Prof. Dr. Baba commented that the cooperation between YTL Foundation-UMS and the Seaweed Research Unit will improve the research works that have been done.