

Aussie university to sponsor two UMS academicians

KOTA KINABALU: University of South Australia (UniSA) wants to enhance its collaboration with researchers from other countries and will therefore be sponsoring short visits to its facilities for two academicians from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

According to UniSA's School of Computer and

Information Science head, Dr Andy Koronios, the visit to the university's research lab would be for between three to six months.

Koronios said the academicians would be working with UniSA's researchers in areas they were focusing on, which would basically be in information system and information technology (ICT).

"We hope to build the

research collaboration through this arrangement and this will happen as soon as we can organise it. We will be having the discussions with the relevant people and maybe it can happen by the second quarter of this year," he said.

Earlier in his speech at the closing of the International IT and Society Conference (IISC) 2010, Koronios said research and innovation

were very difficult to approach as they involved a large number of activities.

For best results, it was best to focus in niche areas and to collaborate with the people who were also having the same aspirations, he said.

To this end, UniSA, he said, had taken steps to reduce the areas of research and were focusing on making links with the people around the world

who were working in those areas.

"What we have done is we have identified some areas of research that we really want to focus on and we want to invite people to work in these areas.

"We have already made significant links in Europe and the United States and we want to make links in Malaysia," he said.