



The UMS delegates and KSS Supreme Council and Committee in a group photo.

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## Borneo Native Studies Institute at UMS

PENAMPANG: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has set up the Borneo Native Studies Institute (BoRIIS) to assist research efforts on indigenous cultures and languages, said UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin.

He said in order to strengthen the effort, UMS also established a strategic partnership with the Sabah Kadazan Association (KSS) which can be beneficial to the local community.

"UMS has set indigenous culture and language as one of seven areas of its research focus," said Kamarudin while leading a UMS delegation to pay a courtesy call on KSS President Datuk Marcel Leiking's

residence, here, Tuesday.

"The visit to KSS this time will further boost the research in this field, which is seen to enhance the dignity of indigenous people's language and culture in Sabah," Kamarudin said.

Marcel briefed the visitors on the background and direction of KSS.

The UMS delegation included Assistant Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Marcus Jo pony, Director of BoRIIS Prof Dr Rosazman Hussin, Director of the Centre for Natural Disaster Studies Prof Dr Felix Tongkul and Dean of the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Prof Dr Jualang Gansau.