

UMS organising Natural Disaster Seminar

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KOTA KINABALU: The Natural Disaster Research Centre (NDRC) of the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources (FSSA), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), is organizing Natural Disaster Seminar (SBA) 2022 from August 24 to 26.

The seminar, held in collaboration with the Board of Geologists Malaysia (BOG), Institute of Geology Malaysia (IGM), Geological Society of Malaysia (GSM) and Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT), will be held virtually for the first time since 2011.

NDRC director Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Melissa Payus said the seminar serves as a platform for researchers to foster research network, discuss and share information on disasters.

She said the event will also present research outcomes to the public, come up with new ideas to address disaster issues, as well as heighten the community's awareness on disasters in the country.

This year, she said SBA 2022 will feature fellow researchers who will share their research outcomes and knowledge in their respective areas of expertise in their keynote presentations.

Carolyn said one of the main topics to be presented is debris flow disaster, landslide, climate change and tsunami.

"The keynote presentations will be delivered by Professor Dr Felix Tongkul, Associate Professor Dr Justin Sentian, Associate Professor Dr Rodeano Roslee, and Associate Professor Dr Ejria Saleh."

She also welcomed participation from disaster management stakeholders such as government agencies, local authorities, professional bodies, academicians and researchers from research institutions and universities, and invited private sectors and non-governmental bodies (NGOs) to take part in the seminar as well.

"NDRC hopes that new ideas and latest knowledge that arise from this scientific seminar will ensure a more comprehensive and effective natural disaster management in Malaysia."

For more information on SBA 2022, visit www.ums.edu.my/fssa/ndrc/sba2022.

To participate, register with SBA 2022 secretary Eldawaty Madran at 014-5708302 or email to eldamadran@ums.edu.my