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KOTA KINABALU: One hundred and fifty researchers from around the world participated in the 12th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) here.

The three-day conference (Dec 7-9) was organised by the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accounting (FPEP) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), and officiated by Sabah Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Ellron Angin here on Wednesday.

Ellron said the role of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) is recognised as effective in contributing to the policy-making process because it is an important source of information for the people and the government.

He said the community had

proven their perseverance in dealing with Covid-19 which has threatened public health.

"Intellectual discourses like this will be able to guide them in helping policy makers in planning and implementing efficient programs, which includes the role of the CSO.

"CSO plays various roles. For example, they monitor the government's policies and actions and ensure that the government is responsible for its implementation.

"They are also involved in advocacy and offering alternative policies for the government, the private sector and other institutions, as well as delivering services, especially to the poor and underserved," he said.

Also present was the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia

Sabah (UMS), Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Hj Mansor.

At the event, Ellron also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UMS and the Malaysian Innovation Foundation (YIM).

Among other things, the MoU aims to strengthen collaborative efforts based on innovation, research, publication, training and seminars.

Through the collaboration, UMS-YIM will contribute ideas, energy and expertise through various activities that will be beneficial and can be used for significant development and progress for the community, the state and country.

UMS was represented by Kasim while YIM by its Chief Executive Officer, Dr Sharmila Mohamed Salleh.



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