KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) on Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with China's Zunyi Medical University on setting up a joint ethnomedicine laboratory.

At the MoA's signing ceremony here, UMS was represented by its Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdul- lah (pic) while Huang Hua Ling signed on behalf of the Zunyi Medical University.

The MoA will focus on international scientific research and forming an academic team, science and technology education and contributing to economic development of China's south-west Guizhou province and Malaysia through outsourcing.

Zunyi university has a strong reputation in traditional Chinese medicine.

At the same event, UMS also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Yun Fook Resources Sdn Bhd to work together in farm development in Keningau district.

UMS was represented by Dr Mohd Harun while Yun Fook Resources Sdn Bhd was represented by Datuk Yap Yun Fook.

The MoU envisions closer collaboration between both sides in dairy farming education, training in food safety management, practical and industrial training, research, and exchange of students and workers.

Dr Mohd Harun in a press conference later said as part of the MoU, Yun Fook Resources would help develop a 70-acre agricultural land belonging to UMS in Apin-Apin, Keningau and another 40-acre of land for sustainable agriculture in Sandakan.