

Alwi and Dr Harun (left) exchanging documents after the MoU signing witnessed by Ahmad Zahid and Musa



Ahmad Zahid (right) after his appointment as Adjunct Professor at SASSREC. Looking on are Musa (centre) and Dr Harun.

IPSON, SASSREC sign MoU to address security issues

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KOTA KINABALU: The Institute of Public Security of Malaysia (IPSON), which is an agency under the Home Ministry, and the Sabah Centre for Strategic & Security Research (SASSREC) on Saturday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation to together address issues on security, especially in Sabah. Home Ministry secre-

tary-general Datuk Seri Alwi Ibrahim signed it on behalf of IPSON, while SASSREC was represented by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is also Home Minister, and Chief Minister

Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman, who is also the joint chairman of the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM).

Under the MoU, both agencies will identify issues and problems affecting security and public order in Sabah, and find ways to address them.

Both agencies also agreed to form and develop a mechanism to conduct research and analyse

data scientifically, and to channel findings and outcome of the research to the legislators and enforcement agencies to further enhance security level in Sabah.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Zahid said he hoped the MoU would pave the way for IPSON and SASSREC to become exceptional research bodies not only in Sabah, but also nationwide.

He also hoped that the outcome of the research conducted by IPSON and SASSREC would not remain on paper as a theory or hypothesis, but used by the policy makers in formulating policy on national security.

As for Musa, he expressed confidence that research to be conducted under the MoU would produce outcome that

would enhance security and public order in the country, particularly in Sabah.

He called on the people in Sabah to continue to cooperate with the government in overcoming threats by becoming its eyes and ears.

At the event, Mohd Harun announced Ahmad Zahid's appointment as Adjunct Professor at SASSREC. — PR