WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Agricultural Sciences by Kindai University, Japan yesterday.

The award was conferred by the President of Kindai University, Professor Hitoshi Shiozaki in a ceremony held at the university.

“I dedicate this award to all UMS staff who have always supported me in the effort to develop the university into an institution with global ranking.

“I believe UMS is able to go further, with hard work and commitment, its staff including students who are always working hard to build the image of the university to be better,” he said in a statement after the ceremony.

Meanwhile, Datuk Harun while speaking after the conferment ceremony said, the cooperation agreement with Kindai University was very meaningful for UMS, which proved to produce many useful output to both the university, especially in the field of aquaculture.

Recently, a R&D centre was established in UMS in the field of aquaculture, and Kindai University was seen to be unique as was proven over a decade of the successful cooperation between these two universities.

“The field of aquaculture that has been the focus of interest and important for this cooperation has a bright future because researches in this area always contribute to global food security.

“Sustainability in aquaculture is facing various challenges that require innovative thinking and global knowledge in driving the growth of a new generation of aquaculture.

“In this context, I believe that cooperation between the two universities is a valuable investment and provide maximum returns,” he concluded. – (fl)