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KUCHING: The upcoming Bio Borneo 2014 Conference and Exhibition on May 5 to 7 will highlight discussions on community involvement in bioeconomy.

Themed 'Sustaining the Bio-economy Community', the conference will feature five sessions revolving around the topics of bringing community on board, treasuring intellectual property, demand driving strategies, premium value add products and strategies for sustainability.

Experts in the areas of bioeconomy related activities, intellectual property as well as research and development of bioproducts have been invited to share their experiences in working with communities in bioeconomies.

The speakers featured are from the corporate and government sectors, as well as non-governmental organisations, universities and research institutions from Sarawak, Sabah, Peninsular Malaysia and Indonesia.

Bio Borneo is organised annually to provide a platform for sharing high-impact innovation and technology that can drive the bio-based economy in the region.

Spearheaded by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti), the event is jointly organised between Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) and BiotechCorp, with support from the Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture, Sarawak.

The conference will be held over two days at Dewan DeTAR Putra, Unimas.

A technical visit or Bio-Exploration will be organised on the third day for those interested in learning more about bioeconomic centric activities in Sarawak.

Those interested in participating in the conference can register online viahttp://www.frst.unimas.my/bioborneo.html.

More information on the conference and exhibition can also be obtained by calling Asha Devi Kaushal at SBC (082-610610) or email biosar@sbc.org.my.

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