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Prof Dr Mohd Fadzil (third left) exchanges the MoU with Wong as other guests of honour look on.

Unimas VC: Sago can be big industry

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Sago palm can be a major contributor to the state's economy.

This is because with the right method the crop has a good potential to be developed into a large industry, said Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) vice chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Dr Mohd Fadzil Abd Rahman.

"With cooperation from the private sector and the right group of people, I believe it can be a big industry," he said when speaking at the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Unimas and MyInnoHub at Rumah Universiti of the campus here on Monday.

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industry, moreover since sago is easily found in the central region such as Mukah.

"Sago research has been started since the early days of Unimas and we are sure that it can be among the main sources of food in the future," he said.

He revealed that Unimas had formed the Sago Research Centre (CoSAR) with over 30 researchers as a sago excellence centre and a focal point for the region.

Hoping it would improve the livelihood of those in the sago industry, he said the research would look at all aspects from upstream to downstream activities.

MyInnoHub showed their

interest in sago following a presentation by Unimas researchers on Feb 29 before representatives from the university were invited to make a pitch on sago at MyInnoHub Kuala Lumpur.

"They (MyInnoHub) were interested in two projects on sago and another two innovative products on sago," Mohd Fadzil added.

Also present were MyInnoHub chief executive officer Vincent Wong Wai Sang, Regal International Group CEO Datuk Dominic Su and Unimas Faculty of Resource Science and Technology dean Prof Dr Othman Bojo.