

UNIMAS to host international confab

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KUCHING: Malaysia, for the first time, has been chosen to become the host for this year's International Conference on Cognitive Science where Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) was given the honour to organise the international biennial event.

Minister of Welfare, Women, and Family Development Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah said that, it was a pride for UNIMAS to be chosen as the host for such event.

"This conference will involve both local and foreign presenters to present their working papers regarding cognitive science and their research about human's mind."

"The conference also aims to bring awareness on the importance of cognitive science to human being and that it will be able to optimise the human potential," said Fatimah.

She said this to the media yes-

terday after receiving the courtesy visit from the UNIMAS delegation to invite her to officiate at the event.

According to Fatimah, cognitive science is a field related to human and very low number of research on this field has been conducted by our local researchers.

She said that there were still many aspects in cognitive science needing to be explored and this conference might become the starting point for the local researchers to start reviewing on this field.

This event, said Fatimah, can be said as a great conference because it would be able to gather professional people to discuss matters pertaining to complex but interesting topics.

There will be also a discussion on how human minds affect human behaviour and how it can affect other aspects such as social, economic and many more.

The four-day conference, start-



DATUK Hjh Fatimah Abdullah showing the International Conference on Cognitive Science 2013 programme book, while Dr. Shahren Ahmad Zaidi Adruce (2nd right), Suaidi Otek and Philip Nuli Anding (left) look on.

ing from this 27 to 30 August, will be held at Hilton Hotel Kuching and will involve 75 per cent of foreign presenters whereas the 25 per cent are locals.

About 142 working papers will

be presented throughout the conference and 42 posters on cognitive science will be exhibited during the event.

Those involved in the courtesy visit yesterday comprised the var-

sity's Dean of Cognitive Science and Human Development Faculty Shahren Ahmad Zaidi Adruce, the Faculty's Deputy Dean Philip Nuli Anding and the Faculty's Senior Lecturer Suaidi Haji Otek.