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HAPPY PARTENRSHIP: Kadim (left) exchanging the agreement with Aisah during the ceremony yesterday.

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KUCHING: Sarawak Energy Berhad signed an agreement with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) to enter research collaboration in environmental sustainability of hydropower development yesterday.

According to a press release from Unimas, the agreement is part of SEB's Hydropower Environmental Sustainability Programme which emphasises the state's dedication to address any potential environmental concerns with regard to all stages of a hydropower project life cycle, from planning to implementation.

"As an institution of higher learning with expertise in these areas, it is in the university's best interest to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the aquatic ecology and biodiversity, terrestrial ecology and biodiversity, as well as water quality in Sarawak. This collaborative research will attain these goals and is in line with SEB's aim for environmental sustainability," said Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dato' Dr Kadim Suaidi.

Phase one of this Hydropower Environmental Sustainability Programme aims to develop the local research capability and capacity within Sarawak on related environmental topics and to prioritise the collection of data for baseline knowledge.

Sarawak Energy is pleased to roll out the three year baseline study on two aspects of environmental sustainability particularly in the areas of 'Aquatic Ecology and Biodiversity' and 'Terrestrial Ecology and Biodiversity'.

The baseline data will enable the university to identify pertinent environmental issues that warrant close attention.

SEB will collaborate with more universities to cover these sustainability topics as well as Geomorphology (the scientific study of landforms and the processes that shape them) to nurture more research activities and expand the knowledge base of both SEB and its partners, through the establishment of a comprehensive monitoring programme in these sustainability topics.

Signing on behalf of Unimas were Kadim, deputy vice-chancellor (research and innovation) Professor Peter Songan and Faculty of Resource, Science and Technology dean Associate Professor Dr Hasnain Hussain.

Signing on behalf of SEB is their Corporate Services chief Aisah Eden and their Research and Development general manager Dr Chen Shiun.

Witnessing the signing ceremony was Unimas board of directors chairman Dato' Dr Hatta Solhi.