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KUCHING: Around 150 participants comprising students from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and secondary schools, staff of government departments and members of the public attended a Sarawakiana Talk organised by the Sarawak State Library (Pustaka) here yesterday.

Speaker Habids Buhigiba Mohamad Bustaman spoke on the 'Limbang Issue Before 1963' that had led many people wanting to find out more regarding the significant topic when an agreement was signed between the government of Brunei and Malaysia on the Block L and M issue back in March 2009.

It was said that the Malaysian government had consigned both Block L and M to the Brunei government to be jointly undertaken for oil exploration.

"This issue had been analysed as an academic research to provide contribution of information and knowledge towards research on Sarawak and Borneo as a whole," he said.

During the talk, the Malaysia History lecturer of Batu Lintang Teachers' Training Institute (IPG) analysed the early stages of the Limbang issue from the



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arrival of Rajah Brooke up to Sept 16 1963 when Sabah and Sarawak together with the Federation of Malaya formed the Malaysian Federation.

Among the significant issues discussed included why the people of Limbang carried out a rebellion towards the Brunei government during the 1880s, why the acquirement of Limbang River became an issue in 1890, what efforts were made by the Brunei government to claim Limbang River from 1890 to 1963 and the status of Limbang district.