



# Unimas' confab on education, environment

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KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) in conjunction with the World Education Fellowship is organising a 5-day international conference on Education and Environment here.

Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abdul Taib, will open the conference at Santubong Resort on August 6, where 174 participants are expected to congregate.

Some 149 of them would be foreign participants from Australia, USA, Japan, China, Germany, Fiji, Gbutan, India, England, Indonesia, Korea, South Africa and Pakistan.

Some 40 papers on issues pertaining to the context and innovative presentation of environmental education are expected to be tabled.

Participants would also be able to acquire knowledge from model countries where environmental education has been established and is successful.

The guest speaker for the conference is Canada's Dr. Suzuki, a popular television personality and well-known for films and documentaries on the environment and education shown over the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The conference is also aimed at increasing awareness on the importance of education to understand the environment; to further develop the understanding regarding a balanced environment and proper world resource management.

Unimas Deputy Cancellor and organising chairman, Professor Ghazally Ismail, said in a press statement that the conference is very vital and results of the discussions must not be disregarded easily.

"The World Summit held in Rio in 1992 has brought about awareness and sent out warnings on this most critical issue and the challenges in preserving the harmony on this planet.

"It is important that every country must cooperate to effectively prevent the destruction of our environment and this is one of the important issues that we will discuss during our conference," said Ghazally.

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