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SABAH PORTS SDN BHD COLLABORATES WITH BORNEO MARINE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd continues its commitment in marine conservation by funding a study by Borneo Marine Research Institute, University Malaysia Sabah to assess heavy metal pollution in coastal sediments of Sepangar Bay and Kota Kinabalu city. A sum of RM50, 0000 was provided by Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd for Borneo Marine Research Institute to conduct research work for the year long study which is expected to complete mid-2017.

According to Suria Capital Holdings Berhad Group Managing Director cum Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd Managing Director, Ms. Ng Kiat Min said "As a sea based business, we have a strong interest in marine based conservation programs conducted within the State. We are keen to be part of new innovative marine conservation measures and engaging Borneo Marine Research Institute is evidence of our continued commitment. Both Sepangar Bay and Kota Kinabalu are areas of business for Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd, thus we are keen to be part of long term remedial efforts that support the oceans ecology and sustainability."

The study entitled "Status of heavy metal pollution of coastal sediments at Kota Kinabalu and Sepangar Bay" will yield crucial info on the ecological status of Sepangar Bay and Kota Kinabalu waters as well as draw up mitigation strategies that will help minimize the effects of ship based pollutants. The project entails monthly sampling of seabed sediments by Borneo Marine Research Institute researchers to verify water quality, oil and grease water content. Upon completion, Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd intends to share the findings with maritime agencies and marine researchers as well as for academia purposes.

According to Dr. Rosita Sapawi, Borneo Marine Research Institute, Director "Through this collaboration, Borneo Marine Research Institute and Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd will be able to serve the community via the determination of baseline information about heavy metal pollutants in Sepangar Bay and coastal waters of Kota Kinabalu. We hope that many other maritime-related industries will follow the footstep of Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd's good example in supporting conservation efforts towards preservation of aquatic ecosystem and marine life in the coastal waters of Sabah".

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Pic caption: Dr Julian Ransangan (Deputy Director, BMRI- Representing Dr. Rosita Sapawi) receives cheque from Ng Kiat Min in the presence of Siti Noraishah Azizan (General Manager, SPSB-standing next to Ng), Suria Capital, Sabah Ports and BMRI officers.

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