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#### **TALIWAS RIVER CONSERVATION AREA SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION SEMINAR**

**KOTA KINABALU (Thursday)** – A Seminar on Taliwas River Conservation Area (TRCA) Scientific Exploration was held on 27 October 2022 at Tun Hamdan Theatre, Menara Tun Mustapha.

The seminar was a sequel and a follow-up event of TRCA Scientific Exploration, which was held from 7 to 17 June 2022.

The seminar served as a forum for the researchers and scientists to present and share their findings during the exploration. The interesting and notable papers consist of the study of physical science, flora diversity, fauna diversity, social science, and resource utilisation was officially launched by the Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Abidin bin Madingkir.

In his official launching speech, Datuk Abidin remarked, “The discoveries of rare and still-existing flora and fauna species such as orchids and yams by the scientists indicate that the area is abundant in biodiversity. I hope this seminar will yield fruitful discoveries on the viability of suitable research activities and TRCA’s potential as an ecotourism destination.”

Also in attendance were the Director of Yayasan Sabah cum Executive Chairman of Innoprise Corporation Sdn. Bhd., Dato’ Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar, State and Federal Government head of departments, NGOs and Yayasan Sabah Group officials.

The Seminar was organised by Yayasan Sabah Group. A total of 16 papers on various topics and disciplines collected during the exploration were presented during the seminar.

In this regard, Datuk Abidin hopes that the participants will actively participate in providing feedback and exchanging ideas and experiences. He stressed that feedback and input are valuable in dealing with all TRCA management concerns.

Datuk Abidin also stated that the support from Sabah Forestry Department (SFD), Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD), WWF Sabah, Sabah Environmental Trust (SET), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF) and Sabah Biodiversity Centre (SaBC) would be of valuable practical use and serve as a guideline in developing TRCA's Strategic Management Plan detailing the plan and governance for the coming years.

"The formulation of the management plan will be supported by the findings and will be implemented as the key component," he said with emphasis.

Yayasan Sabah Group will continue to increase its efforts by emphasising conservation and preservation in enhancing the effectiveness of the management, protection and development of the country's forest biodiversity resources sustainably.



*Pix 1 : Datuk Abidin and Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar at the exhibition.*

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