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Ensuring indigenous people are growth partners

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - The Institute for Indigenous Economic Progress (Sabah) is a non-stock, non-profit private professional research organisation incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on Nov 8, 1995.

The thrust of Indep is to undertake research on human resource and institutional development; commercial and industrial development and environmental, scientific and technological development with a focus on the indigenous people of Sabah.

Indep, which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, aims to be a catalyst to usher indigenous people into the mainstream of nation-building so that by the year 2020 their participation in it is clearly felt and visible.

Its mission statement is to attain psychological, economic, political and mental security for the indigenous people of Sabah by seeking and securing meaningful roles and participation for them in the development of the State and nation.

Its founders are Tourism and Environmental Development Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok and ex-politician Datuk Dr James Ongkili.

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