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NOT MUCH INTEREST ON UMS RESEARCH FINDINGS, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, March 30 (Bernama) -- Although Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), through its Borneo Marine Research Institute, has carried out much research on marine life in Sabah, not many people are keen to know about the findings.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said this had resulted in the research carried out being left unexploited.

"The research findings should be utilised by the people in Sabah but we find that although the research were fruitful, not many people are interested to know about the outcome of such research," he said after visiting the centre's fish hatchery, here today.

Dr Mahathir said that since its establishment 10 years ago, UMS had shown progress in several fields including aquaculture.

Among the programs carried out by UMS are fish breeding and culture for species which have high commercial value such as mouse grouper, seabass, tiger grouper, red talapia and patin.

He also said that aquaculture projects in the country should be more competitive and among ways of achieving this was to produce fish feed domestically to reduce import cost.

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