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## BORNEO News

# BRC 10th conference to be held in Miri

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Dr Chan (left) holding the "banger" of the gong for the launch of Borneo Research Council Conference.

MIRI - The Borneo Research Council's (BRC) tenth biennial conference will be held here from July 5 to 7, 2010 for the first time as it had previously been held only in Kuching, Kota Kinabalu, Kalimantan and Brunei.

Jointly organised by Miri-based Curtin University of Technology, Sarawak Malaysia (Curtin Sarawak) with the Borneo Research Council (BRC), and international organisation of eminent scholars engaged in Borneo-related research is expected to attract some 300 participants from all over the world.

Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr George Chan officiated to launch the conference's official website: [www.curtin.edu.my/brc2010/](http://www.curtin.edu.my/brc2010/) and publicity campaign.

Dr Chan said BRC has long been doing great work in advancing and promoting research on Borneo, and its course Sarawak.

"Much of it has brought direct benefits to the state and the social and economic status of its people, and it is indeed a great honour for Miri to be chosen as the venue for their next conference next year."

He hoped all the delegates would take the opportunity to experience the local culture, lifestyle and attractions while here.

Organising committee chairman, Bibi Aminah Abdul Gani, meanwhile, said the conference theme, "Borneo Continuity, Change and Preservation" would see approximately 200 papers on the latest research findings in all academic fields.

She said the move by Curtin Sarawak to host the conference was timely as the university would soon launch its Borneo Studies programme, marking a new chapter in its continued development and allowing it to play a larger role in the social and economic fabric of Sarawak.

The BRC was established in 1968 as an incorporated non-profit organisation for the advancement of knowledge with regards to Borneo (Sarawak, Sabah, Kalimantan and Brunei).

Since 1990, its biennial international conferences had been held at various institutions located all around Borneo.

