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Sabah to get US\$1m for wildlife conservation

KOTA KINABALU: The United States government has pledged US\$1 million for Sabah's wildlife conservation efforts.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor welcomed the pledge made by the US ambassador to Malaysia, Brian D. McFeeters, which is to complement the state's wildlife protection programme.

McFeeters also offered cooperation in forest conservation, referring to the Heart of Borneo (HoB) programme during a virtual call with Hajiji at the Sabah Administrative Centre here on Monday.

HoB is a transboundary conservation initiative extending into Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Hajiji expressed appreciation for the US's assistance in education, nature conservation and, most recently, the fight against Covid-19.

"The aid will boost our efforts

in the fight against the challenges posed by Covid-19."

The US recently donated one million vaccine doses to Malaysia and pledged additional aid to the Malaysian Red Crescent.

During the virtual meeting, Hajiji and McFeeters discussed issues regarding the Malaysia Agreement 1963, human trafficking, illegal immigrants and the US embassy's longstanding cooperation with Universiti Malaysia Sabah on counterterrorism and violent extremism.

McFeeters said he looked forward to visiting Sabah, a destination well known to many Americans for its natural attractions and the iconic Mount Kinabalu.

The Sabah and US governments have always maintained good and cordial bilateral relations.

On a country-to-country level, Malaysia and the US have established bilateral ties since 1957.



Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor during a virtual call with United States ambassador to Malaysia, Brian D. McFeeters, at the Sabah Administrative Centre in Kota Kinabalu on Monday. PIC COURTESY OF THE CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE