On behalf of the Department of Fisheries, Deputy-Director General Mr. Hisham Ahmad presented a Malaysian pewter kris to ICLARM Director General, Dr. Meryl Williams. The kris, traditionally presented by the sultans as a symbol of delegation of power, is a token to symbolize the delegation of responsibility for the site to ICLARM.

Dr. Williams said ‘ICLARM is grateful to the Malaysian Government for donating the use of this facility, which since its inception has been in the service of fisheries development. We are pleased that ICLARM can carry on the tradition of serving fishers from this site.’

‘We are excited to be neighbors with the Fisheries Research Institute and look forward to very productive research collaborations with them,’ said Dr Williams.

The refurbishment of the former college premises at Batu Maung will be completed by mid-2001. ICLARM headquarters staff moved from Manila to Penang in mid-February, 2000.

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