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PROFESSOR Ryoji Noyori (left) observing an experiment at the Bioprobe Lab of Universiti Sains Malaysia while being accompanied by Professor Habibah Wahab (right) from USM Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science. PHOTO: BERNAMA

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GEORGE TOWN: Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and the RIKEN Institute in Japan have jointly set up a research laboratory to find cures for dengue fever, tuberculosis and HIV through natural resources.

USM Vice-Chancellor Prof Dzul kifli Abdul Razak said it was already in operation and is called the USM-RIKEN Joint Laboratory for Bioprobe Discovery.

"USM with the cooperation of the Institute for Research in Molecular Medicine (INFORMM) and Riken's Advanced Science

Institute will conduct research to produce medicine using nature.

"This is also the first joint research between RIKEN and other institutions. USM is proud to have been chosen by RIKEN to be a partner," he told reporters after officially opening the laboratory with RIKEN President Prof Ryoji Noyori here yesterday.

Dzul kifli added that Malaysia had the potential to produce various medicines that could benefit people around the world. - Bernama