

UMS honoured to host One Steering Committee meeting

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KOTA KINABALU: The selection of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to host the Steering Committee Meeting of universities of South Asia, Southeast Asia and Taiwan (One) is an international recognition for UMS.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said it was not easy for the university to be picked to host for the meeting.

“Thus, the selection of the UMS reflects the position of this university in particular and the location of Sabah in the Borneo Islands as a strategic member in expanding the objectives of this delegation which also includes universities from Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Singapore and Taiwan.

“I would like to thank Chairman of One Presidential Forum who also co-chaired National Cheng Kung University of Taiwan, Professor Dr Hue-Jen Jenny Su for trusting UMS to host this meeting. This event is very meaningful and especially this year as UMS is also celebrating its 25th anniversary,” he said this at the One meeting at UMS recently.

He said the One Presidential Forum has grown steadily since its inception 16 years ago by successfully bringing together prestigious universities in the region to work together to empower higher education and expand international partnerships.

He also said UMS is proud to be in One and will be actively involved in any activity.

“In line with the theme of this meeting “University Social Responsibility” (USR), we have shared with members of the various USR-related programmes that UMS has actively engaged with students and the community. For example, UMS has successfully increased the number of rural entrepreneurs in socio-economic projects initiated through the USR activities.

“Even this social responsibility is embedded in the undergraduate curriculum and uniquely in Sabah, we have a multiracial, linguistic, cultural and religious community that provides an attractive environment to raise students’ awareness on social commitment and responsibility,” he said.



Dr Yap at the press conference.