

UMS to unlock secret behind Sabah's unity

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KOTA KINABALU: What's the secret behind the harmony in multi-ethnic Sabah? That's precisely what Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has set out to do soon.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Prof. Madya Ts. Dr Ramzah Dambul (pic) said UMS intends to conduct a study to find out how, despite the diversity in the State, people can still get along well to-

gether.

"Everyone knows well about the uniqueness in this State but the recipe behind the unity has yet to be really known to the extent that it cannot be replicated in other places struggling to maintain their harmony.

"So I think it is time UMS, as the main university in Sabah, delves into this issue as it is very important and needs to be studied," he said after an event at UMS, here.

He said UMS will gather its best researchers from various disciplines for this initiative.

Ramzah said the study will be carried out next year, with an internal UMS research grant that could reach up to RM150,000.

This sum is part of the RM10 million allocated to UMS for internal grant purposes in 2020, as announced by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin previously.

"As we have over 800 researchers of various expertise, the study will not only cover social science and humanity aspects but could also go into other fields such as education and economy.

"We will pick those with the best research proposal papers," he said.