

UMS alumni encouraged to contribute to alma mater

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KOTA KINABALU: All Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) alumni are encouraged to contribute and make the alma mater platform as a sharing channel for prospective alumni.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr. Kasim Haji Mansor said every skill, experience and knowledge learnt by the alumni after graduation is very beneficial to be shared with the students and the entire campus community.

"Personally, it is not the value of the contribution to the university that is the measure, but rather how the form of the contribution is able to bring change to the development of the university and also benefit the local community.

"I sincerely hope that UMS alumni do not forget their beloved university and further contribute to prospective alumni," he said this at the Evening with Alumni Sandakan Chapter programme at UMS Faculty of Sustainable Agriculture (FPL)'s Taman Tasik in Sandakan, on Thursday.

Also present were UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs) Prof. Assoc. Dr. Raman Noordin, UMS alumni center director Dr. Kamisan Pusiran, UMS principal officers and UMS Senate Members.

Regarding the program, Kasim said that the presence of alumni representatives from the Sandakan Chapter was very



Kasim (second right) during the programme.

meaningful because the groups are among the small ambassadors of UMS who are now devoted to communities in all districts.

"At the same time, they are also the ones who will introduce the existence of UMS as the best public university in Sabah.

"For information, UMS alumni in the Sandakan Zone have now reached 887 people.

"Therefore, it is my hope that this kind of program will continue to build good relationships with all UMS alumni," he said.

He added that such a program is important as a forum for discussion between alumni and

the university administration to plan collaboration spaces and programs that can improve the university's development agenda.

"I hope that in the future, this kind of program will be able to expand further by organizing various programs that involve other zones and chapters throughout the country.

"This is because I believe that alumni are a very valuable and important asset to UMS.

"The relationship between the university and alumni needs to be strengthened because the role of alumni is very significant

in helping to raise the dignity of UMS, especially in collecting funds to finance the development of infrastructure and facilities at the University," he said.

According to Kasim, UMS will continue its efforts to reach out to alumni throughout the state and country as they are an important group who directly become ambassadors to introduce UMS to more people.

At the ceremony, he also launched the "1 Alumni 1 RM Campaign", an initiative to show concern for UMS as a knowledge institution that continues to be a source of life.