

U-Science UMS awarded for achievement

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KOTA KINABALU: U-Science Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) received the Highest Participation Special Award at the Institute of Higher Education (IPT) level at the Sabah Science Carnival 2022.

U-Science emerged as the winner after achieving the participation of 48,419 high school, primary school and IPT students in 10 programs that have been implemented.

The award was presented by Permanent Secretary of Sabah Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (KSTI), Datuk Zainudin Aman to U-Science UMS Head, Zawawi Tiyunin, on Tuesday.

According to Zawawi, he did not expect the award, as U-Science's focus was ensuring Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are applied among students starting at an early age.

"I would like to express my appreciation to KSTI for awarding and supporting U-Science all this time.

"Also thank you to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the National Science Centre, the Malaysian Academy of Sciences, Petrosains, the National Planetarium, the National STEM Centre, the Malaysian Department of Chemistry, the Atomic Energy Licensing Board, the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, the Department



Zawawi (far right) receiving the award from Zainudin.

of Education State of Sabah, Sabah Stargazers and all strategic partners of U-Science.

"This is indeed a meaningful recognition for us and UMS as a whole," he said in a press release.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr. Kasim Mansor also expressed his happiness at the achievement.

"This achievement highlights the role and contribution of UMS to the community in fueling STEM interest and culture in Sabah.

"My congratulations to Zawawi and the entire U-Science team," he said.

U-Science is a local STEM service center and STEM Hub at UMS for various school levels.

Among other things, it is responsible for encouraging students' interest in STEM as well as encouraging creativity and innovation to provide more qualified students to continue their studies at the tertiary level in the field of science and technology.