

UMS holds World Occupational Safety and Health Day

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KOTA KINABALU: The management of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) often organises programs related to occupational safety and health (OSH) to ensure that employees always practice a safe and healthy work culture.

Vice-chancellor of UMS, Prof Datuk ChM Ts Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said it is the university's effort to reduce the rate of accidents and occupational diseases not only in the university but also at the national level.

"This year the world is not only still facing the Covid-19 pandemic, natural disasters have also occurred at several places in the country which resulted in property damage and casualties.

"Therefore, UMS will continue to strengthen the preparedness plan and emergency action in facing any possible disaster," he said.

Taufiq said this in his speech at the opening ceremony of the UMS World Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Day 2022 in conjunction with the 10th anniversary celebration of



Guests of the UMS World Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Day.

the UMS Occupational Safety and Health Center (PKKP) here recently.

The text of his speech was read by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs) of UMS, Prof Madya Dr Raman Noordin.

Also present were UMS Registrar Luqman Ridha Anwar, Chairman of the Implementation Committee Prof Dr Khamisah Awang Lukman, and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) cum co-organiser Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree Jeffree.

According to Taufiq, UMS has the potential to be a model for safe and healthy work environment, and this will be an example to higher education institutions and others in Malaysia to implement the OSH Management System.

"The hard work of PKKP team with the cooperation of all UMS staff has increased the awareness on the importance of OSH in daily activities.

"On this occasion, I would like to congratulate PKKP for all the outstanding achievements in realising the culture of safe and

healthy work at UMS.

"My hope is that PKKP continues to progress and excel on par with OSH industry players at the national level and then at the world level," he said.

For the record, among the outstanding achievements of PKKP is to make UMS one of the public universities that received the recognition of the International Occupational Safety and Health Management System Certification for OH-SAS 18001: 2008 and MS 1722: 2011 since 2015, then migrated to ISO45001: 2018 standard in 2021.