

# New UMS' Student Council president appointed

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The Student Council is an entity that is the backbone to the implementation of the welfare and empowerment agenda of university students.

According to Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk ChM Ts Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin, it is also a learning process in empowering leadership as a student.

"Student leaders must always be professional, mature and constructive in expressing their views on an issue. This matter is important so that the leadership of the UMS Student Council is always respected and able to bring other students forward," he said when officiating the appointment letter presentation ceremony for the 2021/2022 session Student Council members here on Tuesday.

According to Taufiq, the mandate and trust given should be shouldered responsibly while navigating the ship of student leadership and the university understood the challenges faced today.

"As young people, we are aware of the excitement in dealing with student issues as well as national issues. However, this burning spirit must be channelled wisely and unemotionally.

"Thoughtful and realistic ideas must be highlighted so that whatever strategy is compiled and planned can be implemented," he explained.

Taufiq added that at the university level, various initiatives have been implemented to ensure the welfare and well-being of

students are always taken care of.

"However, the existence of the Student Council is also important in channelling information so that the initiatives carried out achieve the set targets. UMS management is always open in receiving views, especially from the Council on student issues," he said.

"Ultimately, the benefits of this leadership quality will be reaped by you and other fellow students in the future," he pointed out.

Also present were UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affair and Alumni), Prof Madya Dr Raman Noordin, Student Affair Department chief Mohd Raffie Hj Janau and newly appointed UMS' Student Council president, Eliezer Nevall Anthony.



Taufiq (second right) presenting Eliezer with the appointment letter.