

UMS students celebrate Deepavali moderately at temple

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KOTA KINABALU: The Deepavali was celebrated in moderation in Sabah this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Logavenosh Ragawan, a 22-year-old third-year student at the Faculty of Psychology and Education, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), expressed his gratitude after performing prayers for Deepavali at Sri Pasupathinath Alayam Temple with 20 of his campus friends.

"Thanks to Art, Culture and Indian Heritage Secretariat (Sekwim) of UMS, I was able to perform a prayer with my friends here."

Logavenosh added that he had made a video call to his parents early in the morning as his father, who is a station master at Bas Perak Transit, had to work that day.

Meanwhile, Doris Nesamalar, 39, from Kuala Lumpur had her



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first Deepavali celebration in Sabah during her vacation with her cousin, who is also a UMS student.

"It is fun being able to pray and meet the Indian community here."

Also celebrating the Festival of Lights was Datin Komathy Pulivendahn, a 49-year-old housewife who has lived in Sabah for 17 years.

"This year, my third child

could not be with us because he has just returned to the United States in August. So we are celebrating Deepavali with his three siblings."

Komathy, who is also the secretary of Sri Pasupathinath Alayam Temple, said her family had prepared a special menu to celebrate Deepavali, including muruku, papadom, manisan, nasi beriani, dal, ayam kurma and kambing varuval.