

Thalassemia Day Celebration 2015

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The event was held for 3 days starting from May 18 until May 20, 2015 and officiated by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International Affairs), YBrS Prof. Dr. Datu Kamarudin Datu Mudin, representing Vice-Chancellor YBrS Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah. The event was a collaboration with the Kota Kinabalu Health Office in conjunction with the launch of the Sabah Thalassemia Day Celebration Program 2015 for the District of Kota Kinabalu.



Activities during the 3 days event included thalassemia screening, thalassemia awareness, blood donation, BMI screening, and diet counseling. A talk was also delivered by Dr Mohd Nazri from Kota Kinabalu District Health Office on thalassemia awareness which was open to all staffs and students of UMS.



The main objective of the program was to reduce the incidence of thalassemia cases in Malaysia and particularly in Sabah. In addition, it also aimed to encourage parents to allow their children to undergo thalassemia test, as well as to provide support and motivation to thalassemia patients to continue treatment at regular intervals. A total of 241 people underwent the screening of thalassemia, and 29 pints of blood were obtained from the 3-day event.

