

FESTKUM Instill Unity Among Students

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MONDAY, 3 MARCH – More than 200 students of Malaysian Higher Learning Institutions were involved in the Malaysian Universities Cultural Festival (FESTKUM) organised by the Malaysian Universities Cultural Council (MAKUM) where Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) played host this year.

The four-day event, which started on Friday successfully combined the various cultures in Malaysia.

Yesterday, at the Suria Sabah shopping centre in Kota Kinabalu, the *Citra* Suria Sabah performance displayed an extravaganza of some Malaysian dances performed by the energetic students from universities across the country.

According to a student from UMS, Dominic Ganing, FESTKUM was able to unite Malaysians and instill the spirit of patriotism among students.

“FESTKUM has fueled our love for Malaysia and teaches us to appreciate peace and unity,” he added.

Another participant from Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Mohd. Zazmiezi Mohd. Alias said FESTKUM provided an opportunity for students to learn and understand the cultures found in Malaysia.

“The cultural and custom differences do not deter us to appreciate the dance art performed by our peers from other universities,” he stressed.

The *Citra* Suria Sabah event was a continuation of the *Citra Seni* Tanjung Aru which took place last Saturday at the 1st Beach Tanjung Aru, Sabah.

FESTKUM 2014 ended today with a community work at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bongawan II, Papar, Sabah. – ZMD (FL)

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