## History, an Important Subject For All Individuals

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WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER – The Dewan Resital (Recital Hall) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) was almost full filled by 500 students from the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW) to attend the Premier Forum themed '51 Tahun Pembentukan Malaysia: Bicara Tentang Sabah' (51 Years Formation of Malaysia: a Talk on Sabah).

The forum organised by the History Programme students of the faculty aimed at providing a clearer view to campus community on Sabah from historical perspective.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the forum, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof expressed the importance of learning History subject so as not to be easily duped.

"The History subject should be learned by all of us, regardless of primary or secondary school level, regardless of science or arts stream," he told those present, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun bin Abdullah.

He added that whatever happened in history, it should be able to create a Malaysian nation that was stronger and developed in various fields.

"History gives us an opportunity to organise our steps and to make better planning for the future of the nation," he added.

He also advised students to equip themselves with knowledge before stating their views on the social network sites which could invite sedition.

The forum featured four panels, namely Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilcher Bala, Dr. Ramzah Dambul, Dr. Zaini Othman and Baszley Bee Basrah Bee. Also present was the Dean of FKSW, Prof. Dato' Mohd. Hamdan Hj. Adnan who acted as the moderator. – *HH* (*fl*)

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