## Make Jazz Concert An Annual Event: SPS Dean

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**THURSDAY, 02 MAY** – The Dean of the School of Arts Studies (SPS), Assoc. Prof. Abdul Jamal Abdul Hamid wanted more Jazz musicians among students be produced to revitalise the Sabah music industry.

He said this at the Mango Jazz Night which was held at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) last night in conjunction with the International Jazz Festival 2013.

According to him, the event was held for the very first time in UMS and wanted it to be an annual affair thus expanding this particular music genre here in Malaysia.

When asked on the programme in response to this event he said that the Jazz music workshop with Yuichiro Tokuda and the Ralyzzdig group's complimentary performance for students were among the activities held.

More than 500 people filled the Dewan Resital UMS and were thoroughly entertained by the performances of the Ralyzzdig group, Rene Barrow, Asif Pishori Jazz Trio, Gavin Lawrence Groove Unit, Jackfruit, JPO Strings and UMS students Jazz Group.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Shahril

Yusof and the Head of the Japanese Consulate Office, Hirofumi Morikawa.

The Jazz International Festival are held every 30 April yearly and recommended by the Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation United Nations (UNESCO) to increase the public's awareness on the role of Jazz music in propagating universal values.

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