## UMS Continues to Hone Students' Talents

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**MONDAY, 23 JUNE** – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has always been playing a role in honing the talents of students.

Recently, UMS through the Student Affairs and Alumni Department had sent three of its undergrads to the 1Malaysia Nationhood Narrative Competition organised by the Information Department of Sabah.

Located at Mara Junior Science College (MRSM) Sandakan, the competition required participants to be engaged in the art of acting and understanding of script which saw UMS represented by the West Coast Division facing a stiff fight with five other groups.

UMS was represented by Mohd. Nor Sabri Sarih, Risi Maran Subramaniyam and Abdul Manan Perman where they each made their debut in this contest.

When contacted by Chancellery Media, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Assoc. Prof. Datuk Dr. Kasim Hj. Md. Mansur said, although UMS did not manage to defend the champion title this time round, the participation itself was enough to hone the students' talent and increase their level of confidence

"More importantly the undergrads are closer to the community through this leadership narrative and the struggles of local figures presented through this competition," he said.

With the group aptly named Trio's Anak Kinabalu (Sons of Kinabalu Trio), the group presented 'Commitment of Struggle' which recounted on the leadership of Malaysia's Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Mohd. Najib Tun Razak.

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Assistant Minister of Housing and Local Government and Member of the Legislative Assembly (Assemblyman) for Gum-gum, Datuk Hj. Zakaria Hj. Mohd. Edris. Also present was the Chief of Information Department Sabah, Hj. Almain Ajirul.

For the record, UMS held the title champ of this competition before for two consecutive years. -SS (fl)

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