

## UMS Hosts 16th Royal Debate

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**FRIDAY, 9 MAY** – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is given the honour to host the 16<sup>th</sup> Higher Learning Institutions Royal Debate which will start from 9 to 14 May.

The competition which started in 1995, will be participated by 24 universities across the country; 20 public higher learning institutions (IPTA) and 4 private universities as invited participants namely Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Multimedia University (MMU), Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) and Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN).

The competition this year will follow the ‘Parliament’ format which was initiated by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). A total of 4 categories will be contested; Bahasa Melayu Utama, Bahasa Inggeris Utama, Bahasa Melayu Muda and Bahasa Inggeris Muda.

As with past competitions, the contest will see debaters presenting their arguments and facts, displaying their maturity in conveying ideas with sensational actions of a debater and expounding their arguments with confidence and commitment.

His Excellency the Head of State, Tun Datuk Seri Panglima (DR.) Haji Juhar Haji Mahiruddin is expected to officiate the Royal Debate Finals on 14 May at the Recital Hall, School of Arts, UMS. – *(fl)*

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