## UMS Hosted 2nd International Nursing Conference

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**THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER** – More than 500 participants attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Nursing Conference organised by the Higher Education Institution of Nurses, held at Promenade Hotel Kota Kinabalu, hosted by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), today.

Conference participants comprised government hospital nurses and nursing students including lecturers from nine public universities namely UMS, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA).

According to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah (KePKAS), Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun, nurses faced many challenges in meeting the needs of patients and giving good care services to them.

"Therefore, in order to offer the best service, we need to have a hospitality system that includes trained workers, efficient information system and an established medical technology," he said.

His speech was read by Deputy Minister of KePKAS, Datuk Kamarlin Ombi.

Earlier, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Professor Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin in representing the Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah said, to meet the needs of

patients, nurses should always be equipped with current knowledge and sufficient information to be shared with the public.

The two-day conference was aimed at creating awareness and improve the delivery system in the medical field in this country. -(fl)