

UMS Organises Zika Virus Forum, Disseminates Information to Public

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SEPTEMBER – The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently organised a Public Health Forum on Zika Virus, which aimed to disseminate information to the general public on the prevention of the virus.

According to Deputy Dean FPSK, Professor Dr. Ahmad Faris Abdullah, this forum could provide a clearer picture on the role of the Health Department and UMS' position as an institution of knowledge in addressing issues related to infectious diseases.

“UMS is sensitive to current issues, especially on life-threatening cases such as the Zika virus.

“Thus, the opportunity to mobilise experts from UMS and the Health Department in one forum could be used as a platform for the sharing of knowledge and expertise between these two sides, thus benefitting the local community,” he said.

He was representing UMS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah when launching the forum held at the Main Auditorium of FPSK.

Meanwhile, Kota Kinabalu District Health Officer, Dr. Jiloris F. Dony said, a comprehensive and indepth study were needed to identify the severity of the Zika virus infection in Sabah.

He said, collaboration with such institution like UMS was able to open up opportunities for more specific research conducted on the Zika virus.

More than 500 people attended the one-day forum. – (f/)