

Sabah Traditional Musical Instruments Skills Workshop at UMS 16-18 March

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THURSDAY, 3 MARCH – A Sabah Traditional Musical Instruments Skills Workshop will be held at the Dewan Resital, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) from 16 until 18 March in an effort to elevate the art of Traditional Music of Sabah.

The workshop is jointly organised by the Community of Bamboo and the Music Programme of the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW) UMS in collaboration with the Education Office of Tuaran, which to date has about 100 registered participants.

These participants included school teachers, students of the Kent Teachers Training College, independent participants and students from the Music Programme of FKSW, UMS.

According to the Chairman of the Workshop cum Founder of Bamboo Community, Kuhim @ Ebin Ugat, this Sabah Traditional Musical Instruments Skills Workshop is the first of its kind and an effort to elevate the traditional musical instruments of Sabah and to introduce it to the public, especially the younger generation.

Kuhim, who is also active in the skills of Sabah Traditional Musical Instruments and has been in this field for more than 15 years, is also the anchor-man in the study of traditional music based on bamboo in UMS along with Lawrence Fauzi Kating.

Meanwhile, Head of Music Programme, FKSW, Roslee Haji Wahid hoped that this programme would benefit the students undertaking Music course at UMS.

“We hope that more locals especially the younger generation would be more interested to learn about the techniques of making and playing these traditional musical instruments of Sabah so that Sabah’s cultural heritage would be our pride and will continue to be preserved in years to come.

“We also would like to invite the public to witness an ensemble of bamboo musical instruments to be staged on 18 March at 2.00 pm at the Dewan Resital,” he was quoted as saying.

The fee for this three-day workshop is at RM280.00. – (fl)

