

## UMS Successfully Organise Leadership Programme

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**WEDNESDAY, 08 JANUARY** – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Residential College Cemerlang Dinamik (Kolej CD) had recently organised a programme on Excellence and Professionalism on Student Committee Leadership (JAKMAS) Public Higher Learning Institutions (IPTA) Sabah.

The programme was participated by 110 members of JAKMAS Residential Colleges UMS, Politeknik Kota Kinabalu and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Kota Kinabalu branch which was held for three days at the Biro Tata Negara Kundasang Camp.

Head of Kolej CD, Dr. Mohamad Nizam when contacted said the programme was appropriate in efforts to strengthen the role of JAKMAS in helping their IPTA to care for the welfare of students staying in residential colleges.

He said it was also a way to sharpen and give exposure in self-esteem and leadership abilities thus answering to the call made by the government to produce competitive human capital who will inherit the country's leadership in future.

Meanwhile, participants interviewed said the programme was beneficial in helping to carry out their responsibilities as JAKMAS representative at their respective residential colleges.

For participants from UMS Colleges, Khairul Azmi Mustafa, who was fortunate to have the opportunity to be able to join the programme which exposed him to the variety of leadership skill. He summed up that a leader should be fair and just.

Another participant from UMS, Mohamad Shuib Norudin expressed that the programme taught him how to be a leader with credibility and lasting. He also agreed that a leader should have an open mind.

A participant from Politeknik Kota Kinabalu, Nurul Ain Syazwani Gunggurod also agreed that the programme exposed them to be an effective leadership and hoped that such programme for IPTA be continued in future.

The programme was jointly organised by Council of Residential College Principals (MAPEK) UMS, Student Affairs Department and the Ministry of Education Malaysia, also featured a consultant, Prof. Adj. Dr. Noorhisham Mohd. Alwi.

The opening and closing ceremony was officiated by a representative of MAPEK UMS, Mat Usup Hj. Rasid. Also present were residential colleges' heads of the respective IPTA. – SS (FL)