

Dr Raman (third right) at the 1963 Musical press conference.

UMS to hold musical performance

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KOTA KINABALU: The 1963 Musical will be showcased at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Recital Hall, in conjunction with the Malaysia Day celebration.

UMS deputy vice-chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs) Associate Professor Dr Raman Noordin said the musical performance will be conducted by the university's Academy of Creative Arts and Technology (ASTIF).

"The performance of this musical will take place on Sept 20-23, at 8pm at the UMS Recital Hall and is open to all Sabahans with tickets.

"On behalf of UMS, I would like to thank the state government for its support and funding for this musical.

"As a university, UMS' role is not limited to being an academic institution, but also as a medium in helping the country inculcate patriotic spirit, but also to unite the community," he said in a press conference on Wednesday.

In line with that, Dr Raman said the collaboration to stage this musical is one of UMS' initiatives in bringing the people of Sabah to remember the struggles and sacrifices of previous state leaders in developing Sabah.

He added that this musical can also encourage student involvement in patriotic programs because apart from ASTIF, there are other departments that are involved

in this performance such as the Sabah State Cultural Board.

"It is hoped that this musical performance will receive response and support from the community around and outside Kota Kinabalu.

"At the same time, it can inject patriotic spirit into the souls of the people of Sabah and give awareness about the importance of safeguarding independence by showing love for the state and the country.

"In addition to that, it is also hoped to nourish our memories as Sabahans about the struggle of previous leaders in developing our beloved state," he concluded.

Present at the press conference was ASTIF Dean, Associate Prof Dr Zairul Anuar Md Dawam.