



Barry with the participants of ICPA2023 at UMS.

UMS holds International Congress of Physiological Anthropology

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) hosted the 16th International Congress of Physiological Anthropology (ICPA2023) at the Azman Hashim UMS Gallery, recently.

The congress aimed to shed light on the profound impact of infectious diseases on human health, social structures and economies.

It also explored the relationship between humans, their environments, and the transmission of infectious diseases.

The participants gained a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics at play.

According to the chairman of ICPA2023, Professor Dr Kamruddin Ahmed, organising the congress is an honour for

UMS for having the opportunity to host it after seven years.

"This congress raised the theme of the environment and human health, focusing on infectious diseases affecting human health, social and economic structures.

"In addition, this congress highlights the importance of anthropological activities in influencing infectious diseases, especially emerging infectious diseases," he said.

Kamruddin also informed ICPA2023 served as a platform for researchers, healthcare professionals and academicians to exchange ideas and knowledge, ultimately contributing to the advancement of the understanding of infectious diseases and their impact on human society.

"ICPA2023 has provided unique lens to comprehend the

intricate relationship between humans, their environments, and the transmission and impact of infectious diseases.

"It is through such interdisciplinary gatherings that we can collectively work towards better solutions for global health challenges," he added.

The central theme of ICPA2023, "Environment and Human Health," was selected due to its relevance to current global challenges.

This two-day conference brought together 104 participants from seven countries, including Malaysia, Japan, UK, Korea, China, US, and Singapore.

The inauguration of the program was completed by the president of the International Association of Physiological Anthropology, Prof Dr Barry Bogin.