## UMS accredited as first training institute for Gas Competency Program

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has been accredited by the Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) as the institute to conduct trainings and examinations for the Gas Competency Program.

This achievement is the result of an understanding that has been sealed through a Memorandum of Understanding between ECoS and UMS as well as making UMS the first accredited training institution in Sabah for Gas Competency

Program.

The existence of such accredited training facility is beneficial to various parties and serve as an enabler in the effort to promote skilled human capital with high income in the gas supply industry which currently depends on training institutes based in Peninsular Malaysia. This is in conjunction with the launching of Sabah Energy Roadmap and Masterplan 2040



Hajiji witnessing Abdul Nasser (left) and Prof Dr Coswald exchanging the signed documents.

(SE-RAMP2040) which was officiated by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Hajiji Noor on Tuesday. Hence, it will also contribute to the continuous development in line with new technologies within the industry.

The program offers specific courses for gas engineers, gas engineering supervisors, gas fitters and installers and is conducted by qualified and experienced instructors from UMS, ECoS and also gas industry players in Sabah.

Through this program, the targeted number of gas competent person is projected at 441 by 2030, where such increase from the existing 24 persons before the establishment of ECoS, will create opportunities for engineering companies in Sabah to venture into the gas industry, whilst ensuring the price for developing infrastructure involving gas piping systems for restaurants, self-service laundries and so on is low and affordable as well as in accordance with standards and safe to operate.

The accreditation certificate was handed over by Datuk Ir Abdul Nasser Bin Abdul Wahid, Chief Executive Officer on behalf of ECoS and Prof Dr Coswald Stephen Sipaut @ Mohd Nasri, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Industry & Community Network) on behalf of UMS.

Public who wishes to obtain more information about the Gas Competency Program organised by UMS can submit their inquiries by email to careline@ ecos.gov.my or by calling 088-205