

# UMS' Confucius Institute receives book on Chan family

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Internationally acclaimed publisher Datuk CL Chan has presented the Confucius Institute at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) a three-volume opus entitled "Family Ties: The Chronicles of the Chan Family from Jiujiang".

This momentous donation serves to celebrate and safeguard the historical legacy of the esteemed Chan family, while also sharing the vibrant cultural and social tapestry of Sandakan and Malaysia. Through this act, Chan seeks to foster multiculturalism and harmonious coexistence among diverse communities.

The Confucius Institute at Universiti Malaysia Sabah, represented by Prof Chong Khiem Phin, its Malaysia Director, warmly welcomed Chan and his entourage and who personally presented to Chong the precious three-volume work

in a simple ceremony.

The Chronicles of the Chan Family stands as a testament to 13 years of meticulous research and dedication, spanning over 1300 pages. Inside this literary masterpiece lies the captivating saga of five generations of the Chan family, tracing their extraordinary journey through time alongside the Chinese community in Sandakan over the past century. It transcends the boundaries of mere family history, becoming an invaluable cultural and historical reference for the captivating region of Sandakan.

As the fourth Confucius Institute in Malaysia, the Confucius Institute at Universiti Malaysia Sabah stands as a gateway and conduit for language and cultural exchanges between China and foreign lands. It has played a pivotal role in meeting the growing demand for

Chinese language learning and facilitating economic and trade activities.

By leveraging the academic prowess of Changsha University of Science and Technology and Universiti Malaysia Sabah, in addition to the engineering and technical expertise of China Communications Construction Company, the Confucius Institute is dedicated to deepening the exchange between language, culture, and engineering technology. Aspiring to be the world's first engineering and technically focused Confucius Institute, it aims to will bridge gaps and foster mutual understanding.

Chan also graciously presented a set of his "Family Ties: The Chronicles of the Chan Family from Jiujiang" to the library of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, received by the Deputy Chief Librarian, Mohd Kamil Abdullah.



Chan Shuk Mun, KV Yap, Mohd Kamil Abdullah (Deputy Director of the Library at Universiti Malaysia Sabah), Datuk CL Chan, Prof Chong Khiem Phin (Director of the Confucius Institute at Universiti Malaysia Sabah), and Grace Tsang proudly showcase the treasured volumes of "Family Ties: The Chronicles of the Chan Family from Jiujiang".