



Dr Kasim (second left) receiving a souvenir from one of the exhibitors.

## UMS offers courses honing students' talents, soft skills

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The courses offered at University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Co-Curriculum and Student Development Center focus on students' potential in honing their talents and soft skills through appropriate course syllabuses and available programs.

Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor said in addition, students are given exposure to innovation with guidance from certified trainers through Innovation Carnival.

He said this during the closing ceremony of UMS Co-Curriculum Carnival on Saturday.

"This carnival is a good initiative to open students' eyes in the field of design and innovation. This also give them the opportunity to think creatively in line with the mission of UMS as a leader in innovative societies in line with the slogan "Leading Towards Innovative Societies".

"The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has outlined the six pillars of Malaysia Madani policy which are Sustainability, Wellbeing, Creativity, Respect, Confidence and Kindness.

"This Madani agenda not only focuses on solving problems and meeting the current needs of the country, but this agenda also touches on future patterns and fulfills the potential of the people and the country," he said.

Therefore, Dr Kasim stressed that in line with the vision of the Ministry of Higher Education — Quality Higher Education, Educated People, Prosperous Nation, it is very clear that the country's desire is to produce quality and educated graduates who are not only excellent in academics, but also excellent in character.

"Graduates who are balanced in various aspects are a national asset that is needed to drive the progress of national development and be able to compete at the international level.

"Successful graduates are graduates who not only excel in academics but also excel in soft skills," he added.

During the carnival, students displayed their works at their exhibition tables which were decorated creatively and cheerfully.

In addition, visitors could also see interesting performances from students.