

UMS has made significant and positive impact on local community and economy — Vice-chancellor

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“UMS has made a significant and positive impact on the local community and economy by creating job opportunities, driving innovation, fostering collaboration with local businesses, and contributing to infrastructure development and community involvement,” he added.

According to Kasim, USM’s building design gets the attention of tourists and visitors from abroad, indirectly making it part of the commercial tourism product.

“UMS is taking advantage of this by promoting the expertise and infra facilities available on campus to attract clients. For example, the UMS Hospital, which provides services for various treatments that require special care when it begins operation,” he added.

Kasim said UMS also played an important role in contributing to the economic development of Sabah Maju Jaya (SMJ) through research, education, industry partnerships, entrepreneurship support, and community development efforts.

“UMS conducts research in various fields including agriculture, aquaculture, biotechnology, and renewable energy. These research activities lead to the development of new technologies and innovations that can be commercialised, leading to economic growth and job creation

“UMS also provides education and training in various fields such as engineering, business, health and hospitality. These graduates contribute to the skilled workforce in Sabah, drive economic growth and attract investments,” he added.