

Judul Pengerang Akbar Tarikh Bahasa Mukasurat	It's an honour and recognition for Sabahans: Kamaruzaman The Borneo Post 2 Jun 2008 English A1
--	--

It's an honour and recognition for Sabahans: Kamaruzaman

KOTA KINABALU: Professor Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said his appointment as the new Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is an honour and recognition for Sabahans.

In expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman for the appointment, Kamaruzaman vowed to continue UMS' excellent performance.

"The appointment is a huge responsibility entrusted on me to continue bringing UMS to higher successes," he said when

commenting on his appointment which was announced by Abdullah on Saturday.

Kamaruzaman said his appointment was proof of the Federal Government's concern for Sabah.

He added that as the first Sabahan to lead UMS, he would be under the spotlight and all actions as well as programmes would be under the scrutiny of public eye.

Kamaruzaman's appointment is effective June 18 succeeding Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh



Kamaruzaman

Dalimin who is retiring.

"I will strive to ensure that UMS is on par with world-renowned universities and one way to do that is to give prestige to the field of research," he said, adding that he aims to make UMS the choice of students and will continue with his predecessor's

plans.

Meanwhile Assistant Industrial Development Minister Jainab Datuk Ahmad said Kamaruzaman's appointment is an honour to Sabahans.

"It is time that UMS has a Sabahan as its Vice Chancellor and it is such an honour that recognition is given to a local born's capabilities," she said.

The 55-year-old Kamaruzaman hails from Kampung Beriawa in Keningau and has a Doctorate (PhD) from the Ohio State University, Columbus, USA, a Master's Degree from the University of York, United Kingdom and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Lancaster, United Kingdom.

His expertise is in Biochemistry.

■ **Continued in A2**

Appointment effective June 18

■ From Front Page

Kamaruzaman was appointed a lecturer and Head of the Universiti Putra Malaysia biochemistry department in 1979.

In 1995, he was appointed UMS Dean of Students Affairs and in 1998, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of UMS Research and Development.

In 2004, he was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor of UMS Research and Innovation until his recent appointment as UMS Vice Chancellor effective June 18.

UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH