

UMS longest banner dedicated to PM at the peak

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is poised to create the longest bunting measuring 450m long in the country and it will be unfurled at the peak of Mount Kinabalu on Sept 22 in conjunction with its Kinabalu Unity Expedition.

Speaking to reporters its deputy vice chancellor (academic), Prof. Dr. Mohd Zahedi Daud said the bunting contain the palm prints and messages of UMS students dedicated to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

The two-day trip begins on Sept 21 and is organised by the School of Education and Social Development. A total of 70 students will take part and it is aimed to forge a closer rapport among the student fraternity, he said.

"The expedition is a fitting tribute to our Prime Minister and hopefully the bunting we created will be recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records," he said

The Prime Minister has contributed immensely to the establishment and development of UMS and we wish to thank him through this expedition, he said.

Secondly, we wish to instill the spirit of cooperation among the students of various races because this is also part of the national integration concept whereby students from various states has work together to realise its objective, he said.

"We're proud with this project and after the expedition we will present a book containing the messages and signatures of the students to the Prime Minister," he said adding to date there are 9,200 students in the university.

Dean of UMS, Prof. Dr. Shukery Mohamed said the expedition also include the students and officers from its Labuan campus.

"The important aspect of the expedition is the spirit of unity in diversity among the ethnic groups of Sabah as shown by the UMS students and also to thank the Prime Minister," he said.

"We also hoped that this project will become an annual event and a tradition to the School of Education and Social Development," he said.

Organising chairperson, Nancy Michael hoped that the project will run smoothly without any hiccups and she also thanked the students affairs unit for given them the financial support.