

Vast economic prospects of ICT – focal point of BNCICT

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LABUAN: Information Communication Technology (ICT) utilisation has a vast economic potential.

The usage of ICT multimedia could be developed into software that support commercial activities within the industrial, security, economic, social and telecommunications sectors, among others.

The University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Labuan International Campus is therefore organising a Biennial National Conference on Information Communication Technology (BNCICT) to be held on August 13 and 14 to provide opportunities for discussions on this matter.

The UMS Labuan International Campus acting director Associate Professor Dr Zainal Abidin Said in announcing this event yesterday said the two-day event would feature 15 work papers from prominent speakers.

He said that about 200 paying participants were



Zainal flanked by Ag Asri (left) and Geoffrey during yesterday's press conference.

expected, mostly from the business community, academicians and interested members of the public. Students would also be invited to attend the seminar.

According to him, the Financial Park Complex could accommodate up to 2000 people and as such, seats were ample.

“Other than the papers, an exhibition will also be held at the site. We expect 15 to 17 exhibition participants to turn up. They will show the partic-

ipants how to utilise ICT,” he said, adding that there would also be an interactive type exhibition where participants would be invited to try on the software for animations and games.

Zainal said the public could also have an idea of the opportunities accorded by new advances in ICT software and hardware development.

He added that the conference held especially to showcase the latest innova-

tion in multimedia and computer technology was also in conjunction with the UMS Labuan's 10th anniversary.

The conference hoped to provide opportunities for discussion, disseminate information and review the latest state of ICT in Malaysia and future prospects, he said.

“It also hoped to encourage more participation from ICT based companies by presenting an event that showcases opportunities yet

to be explored.”

Besides that the event also hoped to explore issues, methods and lessons learnt in the development and deployment of multimedia applications while providing a platform for facilitating interactions and building collaborative network between players in the multimedia industry.

Zainal said the conference would not only showcase the latest ideas but also to encourage networking between academicians, decisions makers and industry players.

Early birds will need to pay RM500 for registration before May 31. The normal fee is RM700 per person. Deadline for registration is July 31.

The conference is expected to be officiated by Science Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis.

Deputy dean Geoffrey Harvey Tanakinjal and Acting Dean Ag Asri Ag Ibrahim were also present.