

UMS holds ISEE-AWPC, ISES-AC conference

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KOTA KINABALU: The Joint Conference of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology Asia and Western Pacific Chapter (ISEE-AWPC) and International Society for Exposure Science Asia Chapter (ISES-AC) 2024 was launched on Tuesday.

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor is confident that the discussions over the next few days will advance the frontiers of science, influence policymaking, and

inspire action at all levels of society. "This gathering comes at a crucial juncture in our history. With the theme 'Unveiling the Impacts of Climate Change on Health and Environment', we underscore the importance and urgency of our shared mission.

"The challenges posed by climate change are immense, yet they also offer unprecedented opportunities for cross-disciplinary innovation and collaboration.

"This year is particularly special as it marks the 30th anniversary

of the establishment of UMS. Our guiding principle, 'Mengakar citra ilmu, melangit tamadunbangsa,' translates as "Deepening the roots of knowledge and elevating the civilization of our nation" and reflects our unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and global citizenship," he said.

"It is only through our collective efforts that we can address the complexities of climate change, and thereby protect the health of our planet and its inhabitants," he added.

His speech was read by Dean of UMS Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Datuk Dr Mohd Yusof Ibrahim.

He also invites all visiting academics and professionals to explore opportunities for study and collaboration with UMS.

"Our university is at the forefront of research addressing the environmental and health challenges of climate change.

"We are committed to expanding our knowledge base, fostering innovative solutions, and partnering with institutions

worldwide to mitigate climate change impacts.

"We welcome students, researchers and practitioners from around the globe to join us in this vital mission," he said.

Some 500 local and international participants attended the conference.

International participants were from America, the Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, Thailand, Australia, Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, China, India, Laos and Singapore.



Dr Mohd Yusof (seated centre) at the launch of ISEE-AWPC and ISES-AC Joint Conference 2024.