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Govt always willing to work with UMS: CM

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Kota Kinabalu: The State Government is always willing to work with University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in various fields, particularly those involving transfer of technology and information sharing.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said the existing good co-operation between the State Government and UMS has proven effective not only in achieving excellence in the academic and research fields but also in helping the State to progress along with the other states.

"The Government will always welcome, feel proud of and be proactive in looking into every request from UMS, and further enhance our close relationship," he said.

Musa said this in a speech, presented on his behalf by his deputy Datuk Lajim Ukin, at the launch of the 2003 Pre-school Education National Conference, organised by the UMS School of Social Development and Education, at Promenade Hotel here on Wednesday.

More than 30 working papers will be presented during the three-day conference, which is being participated by about 200 people representing various public and private institutions of higher learning.

Musa also urged all parties concerned in the State to give wider space for the younger generation to expand their self-potential so as to prepare them in facing the global competition.

"In this era of globalisation filled with competition and challenges, we must all be aware of our great obligation, that is to prepare our younger generation completely so that they will become more competitive and able to overcome every obstacles," he said.

Also present at the event was UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor, Datuk Prof Dr Kamarulzaman Ampon.