

UMS backs Universiti Malaya Vice-Chancellor's statement on matriculation system

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has expressed full support for the statement issued by Universiti Malaya Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr Noor Azuan Abu Osman regarding the national matriculation system.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Haji Mansor said the university recognises that freedom of expression among campus communities is a vital part of the academic world but should be exercised responsibly.

"Freedom of expression in the academic sphere must be celebrated. However, it must come with a sense of responsibility, reasonable consideration and awareness of societal sensitivities, including the implications for public



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policy," Dr Kassim said in a statement.

He added that Malaysia's matriculation system has long played an important role in providing access to higher education for students from diverse backgrounds, in line with the government's efforts to ensure a more inclusive, equitable and comprehensive education system.

"In the context of Sabah, the matriculation programme is particularly significant as it opens wider opportunities for our young people, especially those from rural and low-income areas.

"Through this pathway, many students have been able to pursue their studies at public universities, including UMS, contributing to the socio-economic advancement of their families and the development of human capital in the state," he said.

Dr Kassim reaffirmed that UMS stands by Universiti Malaya's position and remains committed to supporting national education policies founded on the principles of fairness, accessibility and human capital development for the country's future progress.