



Head of the Built Environment Programme, Prof. Ar. Nurakmal Goh (fifth from left), together with lecturers from the Built Environment Programme and representatives from the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) Sabah Branch, including the Chairman of RISM Sabah Branch, Sr Ts Allen Leslie Chin (sixth from left), during the official visit to the RISM Sabah Secretariat.

UMS Built Environment Programme forges partnership with RISM Sabah

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KOTA KINABALU: The Built Environment Program, Faculty of Engineering (FKJ), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), recently paid an official visit to the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) Sabah Branch, to discuss potential strategic collaborations between academia and the surveying profession.

The UMS delegation, led by the Head of the Built Environment Programme, Prof. Ar. Nurakmal Goh, was received by the Chairman of RISM Sabah Branch, Sr Ts Allen Leslie Chin.

According to FKJ, the visit marked a significant milestone for UMS in strengthening engagement with professional industry bodies.

It also aligns with the upcoming launch of two new academic programmes, the Bachelor of Science in Architecture and the Bachelor of Quantity Surveying, which are scheduled to commence in 2026.

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Among the key areas of collaboration discussed were academic and professional development initiatives,

internship and student placement opportunities, joint research and publications, community and capacity-building programmes, as well as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities.

FKJ added that such initiatives are aimed at strengthening strategic linkages between academic institutions and professional bodies, thereby advancing the built environment sector in Sabah.

The visit to RISM Sabah Branch followed closely after FKJ's courtesy call to the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) Sabah Chapter, which similarly explored opportunities for collaboration through seminars, advisory panels, forums, CSR projects, and joint publications.

"Both engagements underscore UMS's proactive approach in establishing robust professional linkages across the built environment disciplines," the statement added.

Through continuous collaboration with professional institutions such as RISM and PAM, UMS aspires to produce technically competent, innovative, and sustainability-oriented graduates.

"These partnerships reaffirm UMS's commitment to empowering local talent and supporting Sabah's vision for sustainable and inclusive growth," FKJ concluded.