

UMS launches Accounting Centre

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Accounting Centre was officially launched by its vice-chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin at its campus here on Monday.

Mohd Noh also launched 'CIMA's Corner', a resource centre for accounting with reference materials supplied by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), and 'CIMA 1st', a special member-based programme to enable UMS students to join CIMA as management accountants.

Mohd Noh said: "The multi-disciplinary nature of critical business decisions today demands well-rounded accountants with both conceptual and practical exposures.

"Improving skills across these intangible assets (or the soft skills) and stimulating students' interest in accounting represent the two unique objectives of our Accounting Centre

in addition to providing the required accounting skills."

The centre was established in January.

The collaboration between CIMA and UMS, the only public institution of higher learning in Borneo to offer a fully accredited accounting degree, signals the joint efforts of both organisations to accelerate the supply of skilled accountants for the world market, he said.

Future collaborations could include the provision of continuing education courses, writing of case studies, establishment of a chair in management accounting, and an exchange programme between UMS staff and accounting practitioners, he added.

Also present were CIMA president Michael Eow, 1st Silicon Malaysia finance director Iruthaya Das Arulanadam and CIMA Sarawak branch manager Doreen Tan.