



Tun Ahmadshah admiring the rangoi kollam, a colourful work of art made with rice grains. Behind him is Abdul Hamid.



Tun Ahmadshah launches the Festival of Lights with Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin (right) looking on

UMS's Festival of Lights a celebration of racial harmony

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) celebrate the Festival of Lights on Saturday not just to promote Indian culture

but also to enhance racial harmony.

Vice chancellor, Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin said it was one way to enable the people to understand better other cultures and traditions in the country.

"Although the student population of Indians in UMS is only 643, we have held this celebration in order to let other races get to know their culture and hence promote racial harmony," he said when speaking at the festival that was

launched by Head of State, Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah on Saturday.

The event was organised by the university's student council and those present included, Ahmadshah's wife, Toh Puan Dayang

Masuyah Awang Japar, chairman of the UMS board of directors, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egoh as well as deputy vice chancellors, Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon and Associate Prof Dr Amran Ahmed.