



Mohd Noh (centre) pressing the keyboard to mark the launch of the upgraded website at the Chancellory Building in UMS yesterday.



UMS launches transformed website

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday launched its latest "Version2.0" website www.ums.edu.my for easier access to its up-to-date information from anywhere in the world.

"Version2.0" is the fifth major transformation of the website's original version developed at the start of the website boom in the country in mid 1998.

In line with the University's image as the latest and fast-growing public higher learning institution in Malaysia, the new version appears with a more appealing universal portal concepts.

It is enhanced with some new characteristics, including restructured and easier to browse information, highly user friendly interface and uniform pages for all schools, institutes, departments or units in UMS.

The newly developed website is also more dynamic and does not need a website programming expert webmaster to operate it, according to UMS Acting Media and Education Technology Chief Effendy Hadis.

"The use of fully open source software

is another unique advantage compared to the previous one. The updating process is also much easier. And more importantly, the access is much faster," he added.

Speaking at the launch, Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin said UMS gives great emphasis to the development of the website as it is essential in providing up-to-date electronic information about the University to students, potential students, their parents and the public in general.

Apart from that, a website is increasingly being perceived as part of the culture of life in most of the places worldwide, making it a very important tool to disseminate information as well as to promote and advertise any organizations.

"A website is a ten percent contributor to the ranking standing of universities in the world. It is a university's electronic image and gate in national and global level," he said.

The UMS website can be accessed in three different languages, namely Bahasa Melayu, English and Mandarin.