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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has reinforced its commitment to inclusive education by appointing a representative for students with disabilities to the Student Representative Council (MPP) for the 2025/2026 session.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor said the appointment is a vital step in ensuring that the voices of students with disabilities are heard within the university's student leadership system.

"This initiative not only allows students with disabilities to participate directly in the governance of the MPP, but also strengthens the university's efforts in safeguarding their welfare and interests more comprehensively.

"UMS is committed to ensuring that no student is left behind, including students with disabilities.

"Their participation in the MPP enables their perspectives and needs to be considered directly in decision-making processes," Dr Kasim said during the handover of the MPP Appointment Letter (OKU Appointment) on Monday at the Vice-Chancellor's Meeting Room, Chancellery Building.

The appointment letter was handed to Mohammad Azrie Rodi, a second-year student from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK).

Azrie is also the President of the UMS OKU Student Club and has visual impairment due to Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Dr Kasim added that the appointment aligns with the aspirations of the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) to strengthen inclusive education in higher learning institutions.

"This move also reflects UMS'

ongoing commitment to creating an OKU-friendly campus environment and providing more opportunities for students with special needs to realize their potential.

"At the same time, Azrie's appointment aligns with UMS' strategic branding initiative, UMS The Brain of Borneo, which emphasises the core values of B.R.A.I.N, particularly the inclusive element," he explained.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Prof Dr Raman Noordin; Director of Student Affairs Department, Azmi Jumat; Director of OKU Management Centre, Dr Zaiton Mohamed; MPP President, Allen Paul Justinus Situ; and representatives from the Campus Election Committee.



Dr Kasim (fourth right) presents the appointment letter to Azrie, as other officials look on.



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