

UMS Denies Being Conference Organiser, Venue

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KOTA KINABALU, April 17 (Bernama) -- Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) today denied involvement in organising a conference that allegedly used the university's name unlawfully and promoted UMS as the organiser and venue for the programme without permission on several websites.

Its Corporate Communication Centre said that the website promotes the International Global Multidisciplinary Engineering Conference (IGMEC) and the International Conference on Biomedical Engineering & Instrumentation (ICBEI), which falsely claim the university's involvement.

According to UMS, the website also displayed the names of its lecturers, including Prof Ts Dr Rodeano Roslee as the keynote speaker, without the knowledge or permission of the university or the individuals involved.

In this regard, UMS emphasises that it has never granted permission to any party to use the name of the university, faculty, or academic staff for the purpose of promoting the programme in question.

"UMS takes this matter seriously as it has the potential to mislead the public and tarnish the university's reputation. Therefore, a police report and a complaint to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission will be made to enable further investigations to be conducted," according to the statement today.

UMS also advises the public, especially the academic community, to always conduct proper checks to ensure the authenticity of any programme, seminar, or conference claiming to be affiliated with the university.

"The university authorities also urge the public to report any such activities or suspicious use of the UMS name to the university for verification and immediate action.

"All official information related to university programmes will only be channelled through UMS's official communication channels," the statement added.

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