



Ismail (second right) stamping his mark on the first day of assuming the position of director of UMS-KAL. Looking on are Ag Asri (left), Zamri (second left) and other officials.

Labuanite appointed UMS-KAL director

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LABUAN: A Labuan-born academician has been appointed director of the Labuan International Campus of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS-KAL).

Associate Professor Dr Ismail Ali, 44, who was born at Kampung Durian Tunjong, assumed the position after the duty was handed over to him by the acting director, Dr Ag Asri Ag Ibrahim.

Ismail is the fourth person chosen to helm the island's prestigious institution following his predecessor, Professor

Dr Shariff Abdul Kadir's appointment as UMS deputy vice chancellor for academic and international.

Ismail had his secondary education at SMK Labuan (1981-1984), SMK Kuala Penyu (1985) and SMK Beaufort (1986-1987) before pursuing a bachelor's degree at Universiti Malaya in 1988 until 1991.

He underwent teacher's training at the Gaya Teachers Training Institute for a year in 1993 before obtaining his Master's degree from Universiti Malaya in 1999.

He obtained his doctorate from UMS in 2004.

Meanwhile, Ismail pledged to strengthen and improve UMS-KAL as an international tertiary institution and urged the campus to maintain the existing cordial relationship with the local leaders and the islanders who are proud of the existence of the institution and to produce graduates of good quality possessing the competitive edge.

Also present was deputy registrar Zamri Mohamad Tuah.