

Professor Madya Dr. Ismail appointed as new UMS-KAL director

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LABUAN: Dean of the Pusat Penataran Ilmu dan Bahasa (PPIB) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Prof. Madya Dr. Ismail Ali was appointed the new Director of UMS Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) effective from August 6, 2012.

Dr. Ismail, 44, is the fourth director of UMS-KAL Director appointed after the late Prof. Madya Dr Zainal Abidin Said (1999-2005), Prof. Dr. Syed Azizi Wafa (2005-2009) and Prof. Dr. Shariff Abdul Kadir Omang (2009 - July 2012). Dr. Ismail will hold office until August 2014.

Prof. Dr. Ismail, who was born in Kampung Durian Tun-

jong, Federal Territory of Labuan replaces Prof. Dr Shariff, who has been appointed as the new Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) of UMS.

Dr. Ismail became Dean of PPIB from 2010 until July 2012, Head of the School of Social Sciences programme (2007-2010), Deputy Director of Co-Curriculum and Student Development (2006-2008) and Head of School of Social Science History Programme (2005-2006).

He received his early education at SMK Labuan from 1981-1984, SMK Kuala Penyu (1985) and SMK Beaufort (1986-1987) before furthering his studies at the University of Malaya (1988-1991), Gaya Teachers' Training College

(1993-1994), University of Malaya (1997-1999) and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (1999-2004).

He previously held the position of President of Academic and Professional Staff (Perisai) UMS from 2006 up to 2010. During his tenure in this position, Dr. Ismail successfully raised and transformed all aspect of academic, administrative and student personality in line with international concept.

He said, as an institution of higher learning of international stature, UMS-KAL should embrace international values whether in terms of administration and the students themselves.

Other than that, he wants greater collaboration between UMS-KAL and government



HANDING OVER..... Prof. Madya Dr. Ismail (third right) receiving the handing over documents as Director of UMS-KAL from Dr. Ag Asri observed by Zamri (second right).

departments and agencies, the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and industries, particularly those related to oil and gas companies, to continue to be strengthened.

"UMS-KAL would also

want to continue establishing good relationship with leaders and residents of the Federal Territory of Labuan who are proud of the existence of an international institute of higher learning," he said.

He was speaking at the hand-

ing over and acceptance of duties as Director of UMS-KAL from the Acting Director, Dr. Ag Asri Ag Ibrahim at his office on Monday. Also present was the Deputy Registrar of UMS-KAL, Zamri Mohamad Tuah.