



Zhu (fourth left) presenting a painting to Abidin.

UMS among well known M'sian varsities in China: Deputy Mayor

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KOTA KINABALU: Kaifeng Municipal Government Deputy Mayor, Zhu Liping said University of Malaysia (UMS) is one of the most well-known Malaysian universities in China, with some 500 students from China, including about 20 from Kaifeng City, currently pursuing their studies at UMS.

Zhu, who was leading a 13-member delegation and on her first visit to Sabah said that Kaifeng is located in the Central East of China and keen to establish ties with Kota Kinabalu City

She said this during a courtesy call on Mayor Datuk Abidin Madingkir at City Hall.

Zhu also hoped that the friendship between the two cities could be established soon.

Impressed with what she has seen in such a short time, she said once the friendship is established, Kota Kinabalu would be its sole friendship city from Malaysia, as it

is their policy that only one such city could be established in any country, including Malaysia.

According to Zhu, with the friendship establishment, Kaifeng which has more than 2,700 years of history, would be keen to assist Kota Kinabalu particularly, in the areas of education and tourism.

She said she would return home not only to promote UMS, but also the tourism of Sabah to her people and was optimistic that both cities could benefit from exchanges in other areas such as business and others.

Zhu said she was also asked by Kaifeng Mayor to personally invite Abidin to lead a delegation from Kota Kinabalu City to Kaifeng.

Abidin also said that he was very honoured to know that Kaifeng City, a large city which has a population of some 38 million, has shown great interest in Kota Kinabalu.