



Mahmud (left) shaking hands with 1MPGK programme Secretary Porlla Mousin together with participants of the climb in traditional attire.

## UMS students launch 1M'sia programme at Mt Kinabalu

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Alumni Centre Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr Mahmud Sudin, said the launching of the 1Malaysia programme by UMS students at Mount Kinabalu will strengthen the 1Malaysia spirit and understanding among the participants.

"I was informed that the 1Malaysia Peak of Mount Kinabalu (1MPGK) programme is the first ever held.

"This action actually has shown a very strong commitment by the Division of Culture and Arts, which managed to plan and execute a large programme like this," he said.

Mahmud said he was also made to understand that the activities carried out under the programme focused on the application of upholding traditional clothing by the wearing of 20 kinds of traditional local ethnic clothing at the peak of Mount Kinabalu and blowpipe activities with traditional dress.

"Things like this really is the basis to

start to know the culture and origin of a people as well as traditional clothing in Malaysia generally, thus, helping to elevate traditional culture and art, particularly in terms of traditional clothing.

"In addition, the programme is able to deepen their understanding of the concept of 1Malaysia, especially among students of UMS, through the implementation of cultural and arts activities."

He said this when officiating at the launching of the the 1Malaysia Peak of Mount Kinabalu programme held at UMS Student Affairs Department premises, here, Wednesday.

He added that the implementation of the 1Malaysia programme's Peak of Mount Kinabalu programme could indirectly be the medium by the Culture and Arts and UMS for students to nurture their talents and apply the spirit of love for tradition and harmony.

"At the same time, it can also produce citizens who are intellectual, creative and competitive."