

UMS staff urged to appreciate innovation, creative cultures

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KOTA KINABALU: Members of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) staff are urged to practise and appreciate innovation and creative cultures, in line with the nation's transformation programme.

UMS vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said this at the UMS third Creative and Innovative Group (KIK) convention here yesterday.

He said the KIK convention was another continuous effort by the university to improve its delivery system and services to its customers.

"KIK convention is a platform to provide space and opportunity for staff to help organizations choose, identify and analyze issues that are related to work, through techniques, creativity and innovation," he said.

Harun, who was represented by UMS registrar Mej (K) Datuk Abdullah Hj Mohd Said at the event, said the KIK convention should be organised annually to instil knowledge-based and creativity-driven concepts for organisations to create innovations that add value towards service quality.

He also emphasized the importance of introducing change and turning creative



Luqman (left) presents a souvenir to Abdullah.

and innovative ideas into reality.

In this respect, the top management should have a creative spirit as well as not to fear failure, criticism and risk-taking.

There are two categories of the KIK convention this year, namely the management and technical categories which included seven project presentations from the Registrar Department, Medical School and Media and Technology

Education Unit.

All presentations will be evaluated by a panel of judges from Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) Sabah branch, Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPS) Sabah region and SIRIM Berhad Sabah branch.

Also present was Luqman Ridha Anwar, the organizing chairman of the third KIK convention.