

# UMS students hold blood donation drive

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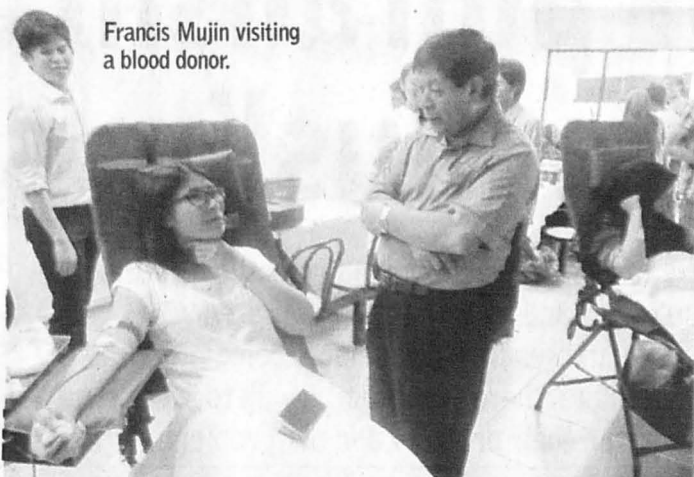
A group of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) public relations students organised a blood donation drive during a Thalassemia campaign in the library of the university.

The campaign was to create awareness about Thalassemia and its prevention. It was also to help the Women and Children Hospital to collect blood for emergency use.

Sabah has the highest number of Thalassemia patients in Malaysia and most of them are from the rural areas. Patients of the inherited disease will need blood transfusion every month to replace their defected red blood cells for survival.

The campaign received good response from the public, especially the students.

President of Sabah Thalassemia Association, Kota Kinabalu branch, Francis Mujim, also attended the campaign which collected 109 pints of blood.



Francis Mujim visiting a blood donor.



Registration of blood donors.



The UMS students with the hospital staff who came to help in the blood donation campaign.