

# UMS, foundation jointly set up haemodialysis centre

**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the National Welfare Foundation on the joint establishment of a haemodialysis centre in Kota Kinabalu.

The MoA was signed between UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah, on behalf of UMS, and National Welfare Foundation chief executive officer

Datuk Rafek Reshidullah.

It was witnessed by UMS registrar No'man Ahmad and member of the foundation's board of trustees, Prof Datuk Seri Dr Abu Hassan Asaari Abdullah.

Based on the MoA, the National Welfare Foundation will bear the treatment costs for 18 patients with plans to increase the centre's haemodialysis equipment in future.

"The foundation has donated

10 haemodialysis machines to the centre. I hope our collaborative effort with the foundation will provide an invaluable contribution to the local community and see more welfare assistance given to those in need," Harun said at the signing ceremony, here.

He said the haemodialysis centre, located at Kingfisher Plaza, would provide treatment to kidney patients from around Sabah and it was expected to open

in February.

The National Welfare Foundation is under the purview of the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

Prof. Datuk Harun (second left) exchanging the MoU document with Datuk Rafek Reshidullah, while Prof. Dr. Kamarudin and No'man Datuk Ahmad look on.

