



Juhar signing the plaque.

TYT opens Yayasan UMS building and YTL Auditorium

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KOTA KINABALU: Head of State Tun Juhar Mahiruddin on Friday officiated at the opening of the Yayasan UMS building and the YTL Auditorium at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Vice-Chancellor Datuk Seri Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said the Yayasan UMS building was built with public contributions.

He said UMS Pro-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dr Yeoh Tiong Lay contributed RM3 million to the construction of the building.

Yeoh hoped that the building would be utilised by the students and learned people as an avenue to debate and create new ideas according to their respective fields and expertise.

Yeoh also contributed RM1 million to the Yayasan UMS as a special scholarship for graduate and post-graduate students.

A total of 27 post-graduate students and 17 academic staff have benefited from the Yayasan UMS scholarship and YTL scholarship.

Kamaruzaman said apart from scholarship, the Yayasan UMS is also involved in activities that contributed to the development of society.

Among projects it is supervising is the Mini Estet Seaweed Culture Project. The project, he said, won the gold medal in the national ITEX and BioMalaysia 2010, at the international level at SIFF, Korea last year and also in IENA, Germany recently.

Through the project, he said six innovative designs have been patented.