## UMS playing crucial role: CM

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah has helped the State to generate a rapid transformation in development in a short period of time, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

Since it was established in 1994, UMS has worked in tandem with the State in meeting the economic and social

needs of students.

"The positive implications have given added value and improved the standard of living and the economy of the community," he said at the pledge-taking by 4,579 UMS

students of the 2016/2017 intake at the uni-

versity here, Thursday.

Musa, who is also UMS pro-chancellor, said the State Government would remain committed to and cooperate in all efforts to improve the standard of national higher education. He urged students to prepare themselves to meet increasingly challenging times.

"What is most important is to be independent in seeking information because lecturers can only guide and show the

path," he said.

Referring to Malaysia Day on Sept 16,



Musa accompanied by Prof. Harun entering the main hall of UMS at the event.

Musa urged students to join in the celebrations to mark the country's independence,

sovereignty and prosperity.

"Be thankful for these blessings because the students of today will inherit and champion the stability, peace and prosperity in

our beloved Malaysia," he said.

Musa said the prosperity and success of the country did not come easy but as a result of the Government's development policies and programmes, participation of the private sector and support from the people.