



Juhar (left) receiving a memento from Yeoh.

Head of State launches Auditorium YTL

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KOTA KINABALU: The RM3 million Yayasan UMS and Yeoh Tiong Lay (YTL) auditorium was officially launched by Head of State Tun Datuk Seri Panglima Juhar Mahirudin, yesterday.

According to UMS vice-chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon at the official launch yesterday, the building was completed in October.

"We have named the auditorium 'Auditorium YTL' based on the agreement with (financier for the project) Tan Sri Yeoh (Tan Sri Dr Yeoh Tiong Lay) during a meeting at his office last year," he said.

He added that Yeoh has expressed hope for the auditorium to benefit both academicians and students as they strive to create new ideas and expertise.

Yeoh has also contributed RM1 million as special scholarships for students intending to go for the postgraduate studies.

A total of 27 postgraduate students have benefited from the assistance.

He also said the foundation and UMS would endeavor to raise extra funds for the construction of additional seminar rooms adjacent to the building.

Dr Kamaruzaman also noted that the foundation, established in 1999, has assisted the university in constructing accommodation facilities for 3,000 students in 2004 through its joint collaboration with Syarikat Sepanggar Jaya JV.

The facility has been named 'Kolej Kediaman E'.

Additionally, the foundation also has a three storey shoplot at Alam Mesra near here that serves as the UMS-Link administration office, as well as for TAS Oil and Gas Academy.

The foundation has also assisted in getting accommodation for 500 female students from UMS at 1Borneo, near here.