

# UMS Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences achieves first in Malaysia

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is the first medical faculty in Malaysia which utilises Vimedix to accelerate the learning process of ultrasound usage.

FMHS Dean Professor Dr Zainal Arifin Mustapha said that Vimedix is an innovative ultrasound training platform that allows trainees to learn ultrasound more easily and quickly, without any risk to actual patients.

“Being in the medical profession is a life-long learning process and ultrasound is now a must-know area for all medical professionals.

“Therefore, we should together strive to continue to update ourselves with the latest knowledge and skills, to seek continuous improvement and be self-motivated in

keeping with the times,” he said in his opening address at the Fourth Ultrasound in Obstetric and Gynaecology Workshop organised by the FMHS at UMS here yesterday.

His text of speech was delivered by FMHS Deputy Dean (Clinical Research), Associate Professor Dr Helen Benedict Lasimbang.

In addition, Zainal said that ultrasound is also used routinely to monitor pregnancy as part of antenatal care, to ensure the normal growth of the fetus by detecting any abnormalities which require treatment.

He also said that the wellbeing of the antenatal fetus can also be evaluated through Ultra Sound Scan (USS), namely by Biophysical Profile, Umbilical Artery Doppler studies.

Therefore, he said diagnostic ultrasound and clinical applications of it is now imperative for all practising clinicians, not only in obstetrics but also in gynaecological diseases.

The workshop, which was held at the FMHS Auditorium, was attended by 50 participants comprising medical practitioners.

Three medical experts and practitioners conducted the workshop, namely Dr Rafeie Amin, Dr Shari Nor and Dr Kamarul Azhar Kamaruddin.

Also included in the workshop was a session on handling an ultrasound machine, under the supervision of experts.

The workshop was supported by the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of Sabah Women and Children Hospital, and IDS Medical Systems (iDSMED).