

Stay out of politics, UMS students told

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SANDAKAN: New students of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Sandakan Campus were advised to stay out of any political party's activities and agendas when in campus.

Assistant Minister for Local Government and Housing Datuk Zakaria Mohd Edris said this to 104 new UMS students during the 'Program Bersama Pemimpin' in conjunction with the 22nd Minggu Suai Mesra UMS Sandakan Campus at Sandakan Education Hub here, recently.

He said even though the University and College University Act (Amendment 2012) allows student to be involved in organisations or associations, including political parties, these could only be done outside of the campus.

"Students' involvement with any organisation or association has its limits. They cannot be a part of any illegal body in or out of the country, or be a member of an organisation or an association that is set inappropriate by the board.

"This includes political activities or gathering inside the campus," he said while adding that it was to ensure the safety and peace of students inside the campus.

Students were also advised to give full concentration on their studies and take the opportunity to learn as much knowledge as possible for the future.

He said the State Government always welcomes students from



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other states and countries to learn at UMS.

Zakaria, who is also Gum Gum Assemblyman, said that he was proud to have learnt that the Sustainable Agriculture Faculty of UMS (Sandakan Campus) will be receiving students from Thailand through an exchange students programme.

"This is a good development in an effort to increase UMS network especially in agriculture and at the same time put UMS and Sabah in the eyes of the world," he added.

Also present were at the event were Sustainable Agriculture Faculty dean Dr Wan Mohammad Wan Othman, the faculty's lecturers and staff, Gum Gum Community Development Leader Kamal M Said, Gum Gum Community Development Officer Rosly Aziz and other local leaders.