

VC: UMS always supported programmes that promote harmony

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said the university has always supported activities for the promotion of harmony, culture and celebrations.



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This include programmes organised by the university staff or students whether on or off campus, he said.

Dr Mohd Harun believed these programmes can strengthen the longevity of the culture as well as improve the character and morale of those on campus regardless of their faith.

“Assistance in terms of funds is also given apart from the university effort to educate the students on management through supervision by officers from the UMS Student Affairs Department,” he said.

Dr Harun said this in response to accusation that UMS was being unfair to its

Christian students who were told to celebrate Christmas off campus sometime ago.

Citing that politicians had decided to raise the issue in the media, he said that some quarters were probably unclear over the efforts made by the university.

While the issue had been answered by the university on Nov 12, 2014, Dr Harun said some insisted to press on with the issue.

Four years ago, UMS had explained the annual Christmas celebration among Christian students is usually held off campus to enable local communities to take part in the event.

It also made it clear there was never a ban on Christmas celebrations being held on campus.

Towards this end, Dr Harun said he welcomed suggestions and opinions from the public and the public can do so via his email BPK@ums.edu.my.

He hoped that the majority of Sabahans will work together to develop UMS as an excellent higher learning institution in the State positively.