

# UMS strengthens teaching and learning according to tech

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti of Malaysia Sabah (UMS)'s Centre for E-Learning has made several important contributions towards achieving the university's aspirations in line with technological changes.

UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin said today's industry is based on much more than brick and mortar; it is driven by big data and the Internet of things.

"We, as an academic institution, are aware of the paradigm shift in technology and the challenges which face our students as a result of this evolutionary leap in technology.

"Over the past year, our Centre for E-Learning under the directorship of Prof Dr Fong Soon Fook and his team has made several important contributions," he said when officiating the E-Learning Award Ceremony and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Seminar 2018, here, Friday. His speech was read by UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Prof Dr Rasid Mail.

Prof Dr Kamarudin said firstly, UMS has developed and launched a Technology Enabled Learning (TEL) policy, with the assistance of an international organisation - The Commonwealth of Learning.

"Secondly, the collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning has led to the development of 23 Trainers of Trainers who have been imparted training in the



**Dr Rasid (third right) representing UMS Vice Chancellor, Pang (Second right), Hapipah (second left) and Dr Fong (left) at the event.**

Moodle open source TEL platform which is the software of choice for global educational institutions.

"Thirdly, the Commonwealth of Learning has facilitated the development of the UMS Open Educational Resources repository which offers our staff the opportunity of publishing their articles, videos, photographs and creative works in a format accessible globally via a Creative Commons licence," he added.

Prof Dr Kamarudin also announced the launching of 10 Massive Open Online Courses.

"I wish to congratulate our esteemed academicians who have made a special effort to develop and launch these MOOCs in keeping with the needs of our students," he said.

Also present were the Director of the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Prof Vincent Pang, Director of The Department of Information Technology and Communication, Hapipah Samat, and the Honorable Speaker, Associate Professor Dr Azidah Abu Ziden.