

UMS' initiative to assist underprivileged students lauded

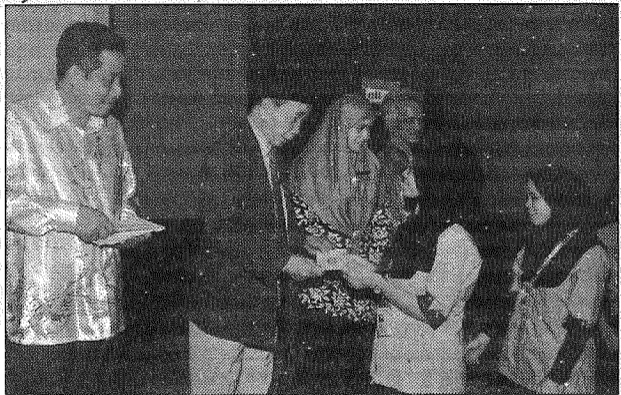
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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) effort in enrolling students from Bottom 40 (B40) income group is in line with the university's establishment objective.

Commending the university's Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin and his team for the initiative, Sabah Islamic Religious Council (MUIS) chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Hasbullah Taha said that not only UMS created a special enrolment scheme for them but at the same time, provide them with cash assistance.

"I am very proud of what Dr D Kamarudin and his team did. They traverse Sabah, from the



Dr Hasbullah (second left) presenting the cash assistance to the students as Dr D Kamarudin (left) and others look on.

interiors to the islands to look for underprivileged families and offer education pro-

grammes for their children who are eligible.

"I hope these students ap-

preciate the opportunities to change their livelihood," he said when met after presenting cash assistance to 181 B40 students at UMS here yesterday.

Meanwhile, according to Dr D Kamarudin, the enrolment was carried out under its new enrolment mechanism mode where the university offered places for 202 Sabahan students under the B40 group for 2018/2019 intake.

However, he said that only 181 students took the offer and enrolled.

He said that since its implementation in 2013, some 451 students from B40 group have registered and 84 of them will be graduating this year.