

UMS gets RM5m for ICT upgrade

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday received a boost of RM5 million for its Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Smart Infrastructure Project from the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia.

Its Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said the allocation would be channelled through the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

"The funding will include the installation of fibre optic networks linking buildings and premises, and installation of closed circuit television (CCTV) at strategic locations in the campus," he said at the launching of the Smart Infra ICT at UMS.

Salleh, in his officiating address, said the installation of fibre optic network and improved surveillance equipment to be developed by UMS would help the university to realise its aim for the establishment of its Smart Eco UMS 4.0 to ensure a secure environment at campus.

With this the university would also be able to serve as a platform in processing and analysing incident data.

"This endeavour would make UMS a model and reference in the development of digital technology and would further enhance its informa-

tion delivery effectiveness and secure its reputation as the preferred higher education option in the country," he said.

Furthermore, Salleh highlighted the project was in line with the government's aspiration for Malaysia in becoming a developed country envisioned under its National Transformation 2050 (TN50) initiative.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. D Kamarudin D. Mudin extended his appreciation for the ministry's allocation, noting the support would allow UMS to realise its aspiration in becoming a smart and eco-friendly campus.

During the ceremony, Salleh who was also accompanied by Kamarudin and



Prof Dr Kamarudin (left) presenting a memento to Salleh at the launching of the UMS Smart Infra ICT yesterday.

State Assistant Minister of Agriculture and Food Industries, Datuk Musbah Jamli also toured the exhibition booths.

Salleh hoped that UMS and its students would constantly enhance their knowledge and keep abreast of the latest developments in relation to the Fourth Industrial Revolution

(IR 4, 0) for their future advancements.

"Malaysia cannot ignore the momentum of ICT for us to compete with other developed countries. If we don't keep up, we won't be capable of passing the knowledge to our children and contribute anything to the present and future of the country," he said.



Salleh (2nd right) and Musbah (right) checking out a remote smart app device at an exhibition booth together with Prof Dr Kamarudin (left).