

UMS launches food bank to assist poor students

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) launched their new Excellent Residential College (KKE) Food Bank which is aimed to help KKE underprivileged students with financial issues.

Named as "Abdur Rahman Bin Auf Pit-Stop", the food bank is opened as a result of the KKE Student Welfare Committee's Welfare Exco initiative (Jakmas).

Jakmas KKE President Siti Irra Shairah Yasin said the name was inspired by one of Nabi Muhammad S.A.W's companion, Abdur Rahman Auf because of his generosity and wiliness to donate his wealth during the Tabuk War.

"This is hopefully seen as a source of inspiration for students to foster a philanthropic attitude in themselves," she

said this to reporters during the launch of the food bank at the College's Student Welfare Office, Monday.

Meanwhile, KKE Principal Dr Syahrudin Awang said that this initiative should be lauded and emulated because it does not only embraces philanthropy among students but also enhances their character by generating human-induced attitudes.

"With the slogan implement, 'Sharing is Caring', this is also a platform to foster affection and concerns of students in helping those in need as well as embracing as a noble person in their lives," he said.

Also present were KKE Vice Principal cum Programme Coordinator Hilmey Saili.