## UM Zone Sabah Alumni hold first gathering

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KOTA KINABALU: University of Malaya (UM) Alumni in Sabah gathered in a first program of J.E.J.A.K Kasih Universiti Malaya Zone Sabah, yesterday.

The program was organized by the Alumni Affairs Center, Alumni and Student Affairs Division, University of Malaya (PPA HEPA UM).

J.E.J.A.K which stands for 'Jalinan Erat Jangkauan Alumni Kini' is divided into several zones throughout the country and Sabah zone was the first check-point for the program, this year.

The objective was to locate and establish relationships between UM alumni in Sabah.

With a slogan, 'Tradisi menyumbang adalah budaya ikatan sepanjang hayat' (Contributing tradition is a life-long bond culture), various programs and approaches to bring alumni back to UM were actively ongoing.

A close collaboration between



Mary (fourth right) and other UM Alumni in the program, yesterday.

UM alumni was expected to make the pursuit of sustainability and university excellence successful.

PPA HEPA UM hoped that the program would be a pioneer in the culture of relationship building and contributing among UM alumni to the alma mater.

Officiating at the program was

the Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Mary Yap Kain Ching, who is also alumnus of UM.

Also present were the Head of Unit, UM Alumni Relations Office, Dr Zuraidah Abdullah and UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni (TNC HEP) Professor Dr Ismail Ali.

The program, which was held at the Chancellory building in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), was in collaboration with the UMS Alumni Association (Alumni PERMASA UMS) and UMS.