

UMS way to mark

Deepavali

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KOTA KINABALU: The 2011 Theebangal Programme organised by the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) India Cultural, Arts and Heritage Secretariat (SEKWI) will be able to foster greater unity among the students at the higher learning institute.

Sabah MIC Chief, Datuk V Jothi, said the programme would be a stepping stone for the students to participate actively whether in the association or university level.

Officiating at the programme in Maksak Hall near here, he said the Theebangal Programme is actually the way for UMS to celebrate the Deepavali celebration.

Apart from that, it also helped to ease the loneliness of students who were unable to return home to celebrate Deepavali with their families, he said.

Jothi also commended the students who, despite their busy schedule to complete assignments coupled with the coming semester examination, still had time to do the Theebangal Programme.

In this respect, he said the multi-racial people of Malaysia celebrate Deepavali every year just like the Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Chinese New Year, Kaamatan Festival and others.

"The unity spirit generated from these celebrations will be able to assure the nation's harmony and peace," he said.