

Datu Tigabelas and Dr Kasim exchanging the MoU documents.

State Archives, UMS sign MoU

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KOTA KINABALU: The State Archives and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) here, Tuesday.

State Archives Director, Datuk Tigabelas Dayu Zainal Abidin, represented the Archives, while Deputy Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Professor Dr Kasim Mansur, represented UMS.

Kassim said the signing of the MOU comes at a good time, especially when the Government is starting to place attention on history as an important element in realising the 1Malaysia ideals.

"The importance of history in providing the base for many disciplines of knowledge and lessons for mankind cannot be denied.

"The work of researching, writing and collection of facts, conservation of records and historical records of Sabah's historical past are still ongoing.

"As such, it is a big challenge for the State Archives and UMS to ensure that records and history of Sabah are not only documented and preserved but also appreciated and protected by all," he said.

The objectives of the MoU are to ensure that the facilities in both organisations are utilised efficiently and also cooperation in working together for the purposes of historical research programmes, community education, organising courses, seminars, forums, conventions, displays, publications or reference books and record administration.

In addition to cooperating in these activities, UMS agreed to make the State Archives a partner and key reference source in the State for its lecturers and students.