

Avoid controversy, new VC urges UMS staff and students

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) fifth vice chancellor Professor Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin has called on the university staff and students to avoid controversy and strengthen integrity.

"Let us unite and discard any feelings that can threaten harmony and work towards ensuring the best output for the university, state and country," he said after receiving his appointment letter as UMS vice chancellor yesterday.

Kamarudin also took over duties yesterday from his predecessor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah whose term ended on June 17.

He expressed his gratitude to Harun for the latter's guidance during his tenure as deputy vice chancellor of Academic and International.

"I hope that all of you will give me the same support as you did to Datuk Harun," he added.

Meanwhile, state education exco Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun who witnessed the handing over of duties ceremony said UMS could be described as the 'heart' of education in the state as it was a producer of human resource for the state and country.

Masidi who is also Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister, stressed that heading a huge organisation like UMS was not an easy job.



Harun (left) hands over the vice chancellor duties to Kamaruddin, witnessed by Masidi.

"I believe this transition of leadership will be able to generate new and creative ideas to build success for UMS. Other than excelling academically, UMS is now a tourism attraction with its beautiful landscape," Masidi said.