

New UMS V-C wants to respond effectively to needs

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KOTA KINABALU: Prof Dr D. Kamarudin D. Mudin, who has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) effective June 18, wants to respond more effectively to the needs of the stakeholders.

The stakeholders include the Ministry of Higher Education, the Government and the community who want UMS to become a dynamic university.

“We cannot be left out in terms of technology, the method of teaching and learning, research to make UMS known on the world stage. “Borneo is a vast area yet to be explored. It has great potential in tourism and biodiversity. Environmental sustainability will also be emphasised, “he said after launching the UMS Chapter of the National Professors Council, here, Friday.

Dr. D. Kamarudin said he also wants to emphasise on financial sustainability so that UMS can implement a variety of programmes for the benefit of the community.

“In order to achieve this objective, UMS needs to have the capability to explore areas that have never been explored before.

“We will look at the governance in UMS and what can be modified towards achieving financial sustainability. It may also be in terms of the information system and the way of thinking of academicians and administrators.”

He was confident that with the support of the Sabah chief minister, the state government and the Ministry of Higher Education, the matter could be done by optimising assets including the land given to UMS.

Dr D. Kamarudin replaced Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah as Vice-Chancellor of UMS.