



Dompok, Donald and Dr Mahmud (centre) in a group picture with the attendees.

Program helps keep students informed of activities

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PENAMPANG: The implementation of Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) 'Selangkah ke Menara Gading' can indirectly disseminate the university's medium of information so that students can learn more about its activities and the courses offered.

While it cannot be denied that information can now be easily obtained via the internet, its acceptance and situation are far different when an individual goes and looks for the information personally, Penampang member of parliament Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said.

Speaking at the launching of the program yesterday, Dompok stressed that it also narrows the gap between the educated and the employed as it provides the venue to foster as well as strengthen ties between all those involved.

"We can also see just how hardworking UMS is in its efforts to bring our community forward into the world of knowledge," the Plantation Industry and Commodities Minister said.

Dompok also pointed out that obtaining knowledge is a basic need for all individuals notwithstanding race, sex or religion, as it is

aimed at contributing to self-improvement as well as development of the community and country.

The government is fully aware how important knowledge is in life and that is why education was introduced and made into a policy in the country's development, he said, adding that the government had also taken various steps to strengthen the education system.

These includes providing huge allocations in the building of infrastructures, giving pre-schooling assistance to children and establishing working ties with foreign countries, especially in the field of research, he said.

"As a result of all this, we can now see the achievements of our children at national and international levels," Dompok said.

Meanwhile, UMS Alumni director, Lieutenant colonel Professor Madya Dr Mahmud Sudin expressed hope that the program can be used by residents in Penampang as a valuable medium that can help to build their future.

Also present at the event was Moyog assemblyman Datuk Donald Mojuntin.