

Unicef-UMS workshop on financial management

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KOTA KINABALU: A workshop on financial management called Harmonised Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) was recently held at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, here, recently.

The workshop was jointly organised by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) Malaysia in collaboration with UMS.

Unicef Officer, Anne Albert, said the workshop was aimed at providing information to Unicef's strategic partners in Sabah on the guidelines and management procedures as well as transfer of funds from Unicef.

She said HACT is a financial procedure designed by Unicef to promote accountability and transparency in financial management among Unicef's strategic partners.

"Unicef's operating expenses are largely due to the public's contribution, so we need to practice accountability and transparency in financial management to maintain our trust," she said when delivering the talk.

Meanwhile, UMS communication programme lecturer, Lai Che Ching, said the training is very important and meaningful as it will help in the financial management of the university's Communication for Development (C4D) research unit.

"It will be much help especially in terms of accountable funds management," said Lai who attended the talk on behalf of the C4D unit, which is soon to be set up in UMS through fund donations from Unicef.

The one-day workshop was also attended by Asia Pacific Region Office for the Special Olympic together with representatives from Sabah Special Olympic.