

Peer counselling vital for students

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KOTA KINABALU: The peer counselling programme is important to improve the quality of life and well-being of students in institutions of higher learning, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman.

The government welcomed such programme as it helped undergraduates to be trained physically, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, he added.

Under the programme, undergraduates are guided by their senior peers in developing their personality.

Musa said this at the

launch of the National Convention on Undergraduates Peer Counselling 2011 hosted by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here yesterday.

His speech was read by Tourism, Culture & Environment Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun.

The Chief Ministers said undergraduates participating

in the programme are lucky because they too will be mentors for other students.

"I urge all undergraduates to take full advantage of this programme to increase their knowledge and gain exposure to become competent and credible peer counsellors," said Musa.

He hoped that the convention would produce high quality peer leaders who could provide support and help their partners in resolving personal problems.

Also present was Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Alumni Associate Prof Datuk Dr Haji Kasim Mad Mansur who represented Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon.



Masidi (right) launching the peer counselling programme while Dr Kasim looks on