



Abu Hassan and Salleh with the participants of the National Internship Challenge.

76 university, college students take part in challenge

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KOTA KINABALU: Seventy-six participants representing 19 teams from several universities and colleges throughout the country competed at the fifth National Internship Challenge (NIC) yesterday.

The theme for this year's competition, "Memperkasa Transformasi Mahasiswa Usahawan Pelancongan", is in line with the effort by the government to develop traveling

entrepreneurship.

Chairman of the organiser, Basis Holding Sdn Bhd, Tan Sri Abu Hassan Omar, said all the groups would have to pass through four checkpoints.

"This challenge will need every participant to have teamwork and planning their strategy smartly to pass every challenge," he said at the opening speech.

State Legislative Assembly Speaker Datuk Seri Panglima Salleh Said flagged off the challenge at Hyatt Regency Hotel. The day-long activity covered along Gaya Street and around the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) campus.

Sabah was chosen to host this year's challenge because of the tourism products available in the State.

This year's activity was

jointly organised by Jobmarket Malaysia Sdn Bhd, a member of Basis Group of companies set up to promote internship programme for students of Malaysian institutions of higher learning and UMS with the support and collaboration from the Sabah Tourism Board.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak will be the host for the sixth NIC next year.