

Sabah Umno expects more locals in UMS

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Umno hopes that one day more than 70 percent of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students are locals.

Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail said UMS came into being some 30 years after Sabah gained independence and Umno spread its wings to the State about a decade ago.

"The establishment of UMS is Umno's main agenda when it set

foot in Sabah," he said at the opening of a seminar on a nationwide campaign for peace, which was held at the main lecture hall of UMS, near here, yesterday.

He said the establishment of UMS was the effort of Umno and the university campus is one of the most beautiful institutions of higher learning in Asia.

The people of Sabah should be proud of the UMS because it is equipped with the latest facilities, he added.

Rahim said there is a need to improve the standard of education in the State, and UMS is now a major vehicle towards that good.

According to him, the achievements of Sabah students in the Primary School Assessment Test (UPSR), Lower Secondary Assessment Test (PMR) and Malaysian Certificate of Education Examination (SPM) as well as other examinations, could be improved further with concerted efforts by all quarters.

Students march for peace

KOTA KINABALU: Carrying anti-war placards and banners, some 3,000 students in Sabah held a peace march urging the superpowers to focus on world

peace.

The students, from the public higher learning institutions, marched around the campus of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)

after attending a peace seminar jointly organised by the university and The People's Alliance for Peace Malaysia, here yesterday. — Bernama



READING ... Adham (left) shows the resolution to Rahim (middle). Muarifin (second right) holds the resolution.

Unity key to success: Rahim

KOTA KINABALU: Unity and understanding amongst the plural people of the country is the key to Malaysia's success in achieving progress and rapid development.

Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister, Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail, said the government's ability to unite the people is the secret behind the Malaysia's success.

"Some countries took Malaysia as a role model because of her harmonious and peaceful society. The people of this country also place unity and understanding above all and that is the secret behind our success," he said.

Rahim was closing a semi-

nar on a nationwide peace campaign at the main lecture hall of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), near here, yesterday.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) Government led by Umno is practising a power-sharing concept, which is effective.

Rahim, who is also Sabah Umno Information Chief, announced that the party's Youth and Puteri movements have garnered 100,000 signatures in support of the campaign.

He also witnessed the handing over of a resolution and signatures by UMS head of Student Council, Muarifin Sufianto, to the coordinator of the campaign, Dr Adham Baba.