

Similar perks for ex-UKMS staff

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KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. — All former employees of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Sabah (UKMS) will continue to enjoy similar wages and allowances when transferred to Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr Abu Hassan Othman, said although the workplace would definitely change "the duties of the employees remain."

He said the situation of the staffers would not be jeopardised nor treated as new employees because most of the UKMS staffers have been serving for more than 10 years.

"During the moving process, they are not new staffers of UMS and will not lose any of the rewards they are entitled to," he said after a luncheon at the

Sabah Foundation building here today.

Since the UMS started with its first intake last year, a handful of academic and administration UKMS staff were absorbed into the UMS.

When the moving process into the main campus since January last year, various parties concerned including the Education Ministry, Public Service Department, UKM and representatives from UMS had a series of discussions to determine the situation of the staffers involved.

Prior to this, UKMS recommended two choices to employees from this State namely to continue their services with UKM in Bangi, Selangor or await absorption into the UMS.

During his speech, Prof. Abu Hassan said UMS also introduced twinning programmes with universities with US and UK institutions.