

Dr Geoffrey (front, fourth left) presenting a souvenir to Prof Ian (front, fourth right). Also seen are Jo Gittens (third left) and UMS-KAL academicians.

UMS-KAL to work with Wolvehampton University

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) is to cooperate with Wolvehampton University, United Kingdom.

UMS-KAL deputy director Dr Geoffrey Harvey Tanmakinjal yesterday said the cooperation would involve both students and lecturers at UMS-KAL schools, namely, Labuan International Finance and Business School (SPKAL), and Labuan Informatics Science School (SSIL).

"The expertise of the lecturers from both universities will be optimized to ensure our aspiration to enhance our academic performance here is achieved to a greater level.

"I hope the UMS-KAL lecturers will take the opportunity to improve their career and also to contribute something to the campus at international level," he said.

Dr Geoffrey, who represented UMS-KAL director Assoc Prof Dr Ismail Ali, discussed the cooperation with Wolvehampton University deputy vice-chancellor Prof Ian Orkes and the university's office director Jo Gittens at UMS-KAL meeting room, vesterday. "Among the topics we discussed were the management in oil and gas industry, students and staff mobility, joint research, joint PhD supervision and to set up the Islamic Finance programme at Wolvehampton University with the assistance of UMS-KAL," Dr Geoffrey said.

He disclosed that UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah is the alumnus of Wolvehampton University.

Present at the meeting were deputy deans of SSIL, Dr Zamhar Ismail and Ryan Andrias, and also the deputy dean of SPKAL, Rushdan Yasoa.

Currently, SPKAL has some 36 lecturers with 1,816 students, while SSIL has 25 lecturers and 450 students where both schools have international students from China, Tanzania and Turkey.

SPKAL offers five programmes, namely, International Finance, International and Offshore Banking, International Marketing, International Financial Economics, and Islamic Finance.

SSIL has two programmes in Multimedia Technology and E-Commerce.