

Circumcision for sons of UMS staff

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KOTA KINABALU: Thirteen male children of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) staff underwent circumcision in conjunction with Prophet Muhammad's birthday, Sunday.

The ritual is a must for all Muslim children who are reaching or has reached the age of puberty.

It was believed that circumcision ensures cleanliness apart from preventing them wetting their beds.

From a religious viewpoint, there are four benefits of circumcision — to differentiate a Muslim from a non-Muslim, to adhere to God's wishes and law, as a sign of syariah and to fulfil the syarak requirements.

The event was organised by UMS Housewives and Women Staff Club (Kesumba) and assisted by four doctors from Klinik Sihat, Klinik Kesihatan Luyang and Hospital Keningau.

Also present during the event were UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Abu Hassan Othman and Kesumba president Datin Hajah Jamilah Sudin.

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