

UMS encourages undergrads to join uniform units

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Dr Kasim (third right) receives a memento from Dr Raman

KOTA KINABALU: Co-curriculum activities are important to produce productive citizens.

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Md Mansur said that co-curriculum activities will teach various skills to the students and teach them to be proactive and innovative.

"Uniform co-curriculum units such as Palapes, Suksis, Sispa and UMS Sejati could instill a positive attitude to the students and educate them to be responsible and disciplined," he said in his speech at the launch of uniform unit marching competition in conjunction with UMS Semester One co-curriculum carnival at UMS here, yesterday.

He said, UMS hopes to produce outstanding human capital who will lead the nation.

The marching competition

he said, is an important evaluation for students who took part in uniform unit co-curriculum course.

A total of 150 students participated in the marching competition including UMS Sejati Brassband, UMS Sejati Kembara, Palapes Darat, Palapes Laut, Suksis and Sispa.

Among the activities held in the one-day programme were marching competition, uniform unit exhibition, blood donation campaign and health screening.

The objective of the programme is to evaluate the students' potential and talent, to improve their leadership skills and also to guide them to recognise their capability in organising events.

Also present was the Director of UMS Co-curriculum centre and student development, Professor Dr Raman Noordin. - *Nor Ain Hassan*