

UMS to be first varsity with clock tower

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is set to become the first public university in the country to have its own clock tower.

According to UMS vice chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah, the erection of the clock tower would be completed within five months from now and would be a symbol of the university's 20 years in operation since 1994.

He said the construction plan for the clock tower is completed and that construction work would begin as soon as possible and added that the clock tower would help citizens of the university to respect time and be disciplined in adhering to it.

He said this after the launch of the 20 Years celebration on UMS Establishment near here yesterday.

Earlier in his speech, Harun said that UMS will continue to contribute to the community and the country. These include in the provision of job opportunities, researches conducted by the UMS specialists to government departments, as well as the services rendered by the university students to all the rural parts of Sabah, he said.

In conjunction with the New Year, he urged all of the university citizens to strengthen their work productivity, besides mentioning about the achievements of the university in 2013.

These include the signing of memorandums (MoUs) with

various internal and foreign institutes, he said.

Among them were the MoUs signed last year with the World Federation Tourist Guide Association (WFTGA) in Macau, China, the establishment of the EcoCampus, Sabah Strategic and Security Centre, Sustainable Oil Palm Research Unit, as well as several MoUs with universities in the US, Australia, Singapore and China, Taiwan and Indonesia. Aside from that, UMS also garnered a RM5 million research grant from the Niche Aquaculture.

During the event yesterday, Harun also planted trees and cycled with other university officials to mark the 20th anniversary of the university establishment.