



Harun (fourth right) with his officers during an aerobics exercise at Dataran Dewan Canselor yesterday.

UMS sets up Strategic and Security Centre

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Sabah Strategic and Security Centre is expected to be established by the end of this month.

According to UMS vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, they were waiting for confirmation from the university management board in that regard.

He said the establishment of the centre was now at the final discussion at the university level and that it had already been approved.

The role of the centre would be to study all aspects related to the collaborations between UMS and Institut Keselamatan Awam Malaysia (Ipsom) which

was conducted recently, he said.

He added that the centre would also act as a platform where all information and research outputs related to security which had been implemented by UMS researchers would be housed.

"Consequently, it will assist it providing information that will be used by our security personnel in protecting the country," he told reporters after launching the UMS 20th Year in Establishment celebration yesterday.

The researches conducted included fields of socioculture and economy.

He explained the imperatives of understanding the local

socioculture as there were many races and ethnic groups residing in Sabah, particularly along its coast.

At the same time, Harun also elaborated on a meeting between UMS and Ipsom which was conducted last Monday.

He said the meeting was an effort by UMS as an academic body, to contribute to the security of the country.

He said UMS was armed with specialists whose expertise could be used to protect Sabah's waters.

He also said an allocation would be required for the research to be conducted, although the exact amount of the allocation was not mentioned.