

# Blind UMS student leads record run

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**KOTA KINABALU:** A student with disabilities from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) participated in the 'Longest Distance Run on a Treadmill by a Group' challenge at 1Borneo Hypermall yesterday.

The 21-year old Abner Moille, who is blind, was the first participant who started the group run to create a new record in the 'Malaysia Book of Records 2014'.

Abner, who has been practising for about a month before the event, said he was very excited to show his spirit in the challenge to open normal people's eyes that disabled people were also capable to do anything they wanted to do.

"This is my first time participating in a group run like this and I am so lucky to be here to create a new record at national level.

"I hope this small act will encourage more disabled persons to come forward and participate in any kind of events to boost their self-esteem," he added.

Meanwhile, UMS vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah said Abner's participation in the challenge had proven that the university recognised the efforts of disabled students.

"I am proud of UMS students for realising this event and bringing our university to a higher level.

"I also appreciate what they have done to ensure that this event became a reality," he said.

During a press conference Harun said UMS had targeted 264 hours, or 11 days, with a 6km/hour speed to complete the challenge.

He said UMS was keen to break the record held by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Samarahan Sarawak in 2012, where its nine students



Abner, a student with disabilities from UMS, is the first participant in the 'Longest Distance Run on a Treadmill'.



Masiung launches the treadmill, watched by Harun (left).

recorded 120 hours of running on a treadmill.

"We actually need only 144 hours, or six days to break the record but we targeted 11 hours instead," he added.

Also present was Assistant Minister of Youth and Sports Masiung Banah, who represented the minister, Datuk Tawfiq Abu Bakar Titingan, in officiating at the event.