



Assistant Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Bobby Suan presenting the challenge trophy to Jufazli Shek Ahmad who won the oratory competition.

Expose independence struggle to present generation

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said it is of a great importance to expose the present generation to the history depicting the country's struggle in achieving independence.

"History of the past will make them more aware and concerned of the importance of good leadership to the country," he said in his speech at the closing of the Sabah State-level Inter IPTA/IPTS Independence

Oratory competition hosted by the university yesterday.

Kamaruzaman said students should be encouraged to be more actively and directly involved in the programmes organised by the government to celebrate Independence Day.

"The competition is therefore timely and in line with the effort to instill patriotism among the younger generation. Apart from that, it is also a platform for supporting the government's effort in maintaining and strengthening unity among the

various ethnics in the country," he said.

The text of his speech was delivered by the university's deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Associate Professor Dr Kassim Md Mansur.

UMS plans to adopt the inter IPTA/IPTS Independence Day Oratory competition as its annual event.

Jufazli Shek Ahmad of UMS emerged winner in the competition, taking home a Rm1,000 cash prize, a certificate and the challenge trophy.