

UMSKAL to continue rapport with local multiethnic community

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Labuan International Campus (UMSKAL) will continue their good rapport with the local multiethnic community in line with the 1Malaysia creed.

Labuan Member of Parliament Datuk Rozman Datuk Isli said the good rapport also has UMSKAL involved with government departments and agencies, private companies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as local leaders especially village leaders in successfully implementing programmes that would benefit the target group.

Rozman, who is also Labuan Corporation chairman, said that last year, he has attended several programmes organised by UMSKAL to find out for himself the development of the students, staff, and lecturers as well as physical development of the university.

"I hope that the members of the university will continue to provide ded-

icated services to the local community especially primary and secondary school students who wish to continue their higher education particularly at UMS in the future," he said, during the UMSKAL Goodwill Event With Federal Territory of Labuan Member of Parliament, Local Leaders and Government Agencies at Podium D, UMSKAL Bangunan Menara, yesterday.

Also present were Labuan Corp CEO Datuk Mohd Nadzri Osman, UMSKAL director Associate Prof Dr Ismail Ali, his deputy Dr Goeffry Harvey Tanakinjal, and Labuan Informatics Science School (SSIL) dean Associate Prof Dr Ag Asri Ag Ibrahim.

Almost 150 government departments and agency heads, local leaders, senior officers, lecturers and students attended the inaugural event.

Rozman expressed his hopes for the campus as a landmark ivory tower in Labuan as well as playing other important roles such as sighting of the new moon for Ramadan and providing more job opportunities for locals.

He also expressed his gratitude towards the UMSKAL residents who have come from the Peninsula, Sabah, Sarawak and overseas who have helped generate economy, tourism, hospitality, restaurant, transportation and telecommunication in Labuan.

The campus currently hosts 104 academics including from Japan and Bangladesh, 182 non-academic staff, and 2,262 local and international students from China, Turkey, and Tanzania.

Meanwhile, Ismail said the programme was launched in conjunction with UMS' 20th Anniversary and UMSKAL's 13th Anniversary.

Students and staff of UMSKAL have carried out numerous community programmes involving local residents and schoolchildren such as tuition, go-tong-royong, foster project and aid during the Ramadan month to ease the burden of the less fortunate in line with the recommendation of UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.



Rozman (5th left) after officiating a replica of the national flower on campus. Some of the community leaders during the event.



Some of the community leaders at the Goodwill Event