

Workplace mishaps under control at UMS

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There have been very few cases of accidents reported at workplaces in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) so far, said Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.



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These are all very minor accidents, he said, adding the university was striving to provide a safe environment for its staff and students.

He told reporters this at the State-level Occupational Safety and Health Day 2014, jointly organised by its very own OSH Centre, headed by Associate Prof Dr Shamsul Bahari Shamsudin, in collaboration with the State Department of Occupational Safety and Health (Dosh), Social Security Organisation (Socso) and National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (Niosh).

Earlier in his speech, he said that day's event was meant to promote OSH and instil teamwork spirit in solving OSH-related problems towards improving further the occupational safety and health standard in the State.

He also considered the theme for this year's event, that is "Safety & Health in the use of chemical at work", as timely and suitable because of the risk in the use of chemical at laboratories in the schools, centre, institutes and units within the university itself particularly those dealing with research.

"All the staff, lecturers and students are exposed to hazardous chemicals that they would use in their research works.

This shows how important it is for them to comply with all standard procedures provided when using and managing chemicals according to their hazardous level for their safety and also those with them," he said.

He hoped the event would be able to make OSH a culture to be practised daily by all concerned.