

UMS body sets up trust fund for staff

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KOTA KINABALU: Integrity and discipline among the leaders and members of Management and Professional Non-academic Universiti Malaysia Sabah Officers Association (PPUMS) are vital to ensure the wellbeing of the association.

UMS vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah said members of PPUMS, who are heads or officers in their respective departments, should lead by example by displaying high integrity in their work.

Harun said this at the eighth annual general meeting (AGM) of PPUMS here yesterday.

He said PPUMS was one of the most active associations in the university and he was proud to see that the association was committed and had contributed to the development and growth of its members.

"PPUMS has proposed many suggestions to the UMS management this year and the years before and we will take that into account especially on matters concerning the welfare of UMS staff," he assured.

The association also established a trust fund for UMS staff who are on the pension scheme.

Its president Zawawi Tiyunin said the association initiated the fund so that both academic



Zawawi (left) presenting a mock cheque to Harun as Abdullah (centre) looks on.

and non-academic staff of the university can enjoy medical benefits when they were on pension.

For a start, he said PPUMS had contributed RM20,000 and the association was in discussion with the university to enable staff to contribute to the trust fund via salary deduction.

Meanwhile, Zawawi said the association had organized various activities in the past year such as breaking of fast, Hari Raya, welfare contributions, sports and donations to flood victims in Tenom, Beaufort and Keningau.

PPUMS had also successfully organized the third Kinabalu Conference in June this year which attracted participation from all over the country.

Zawawi said the association was committed in its responsibility to execute various initiatives to increase the creativity and confidence of its members in managing and administering their respective departments.

Also present was UMS registrar Datuk Abdullah Haji Mohd Said.