

UMS lecturer's ashes kept in bereavement centre

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Lee carrying the ashes of his late wife, Ng Shi Ing, to the Xiao En Bereavement Centre in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur yesterday, where it will be kept until the remains of their one-year-old son is repatriated.
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KUALA LUMPUR: The ashes of the remains of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) lecturer Ng Shi Ing, one of the victims in the doomed Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH17, which arrived yesterday, was brought to the Xiao En Bereavement Centre in Cheras.

The centre's Corporate Communication and Marketing general manager, Sally Tan said Shi Ing's ashes would be kept with that of her younger sister, Elisabeth Ng Lyeti, which arrived last Friday.

She said the ashes of the two sisters would be kept at the centre pending the repatriation of the remains of Shi Ing's one-year-old son, Benjamin Lee Jian Han.

"The family members informed us that the (ashes or remains of) three of them will probably be sent to Muar, Johor, after the religious rituals conducted here," she

told reporters.

The urn bearing the ashes of Shi Ing's remains, which was wrapped with the national flag, arrived at the centre at 9.41 am.

It was carried by her husband, Lt Commander Lee Vee Weng, a Royal Malaysian Navy officer based in Kota Kinabalu, into the centre, accompanied by two Buddhist priests.

About 10 family members and friends were present, while 50 staff of the centre and volunteers from the Young Buddhist Association (YBAM) lined the path leading to the place where the ashes would be kept.

Shi Ing, a lecturer in the Teaching of English as a second language (TESL) at the USM's Faculty of Psychology and Education, was returning home with her son and sister after attending a conference at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. - Bernama