

UMS dedicated to help govt in corruption battle

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is committed to help the government fight corruption by implementing various educational programmes that highlight how corruption destroys society.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Datuk Harun Abdullah said the programmes and activities aim to raise understanding and awareness among students, especially student leaders, about the dangers of corruption.

“Programmes such as these are timely because the students will soon become gainfully employed and become future leaders of the country.

“Each university is responsible for producing graduates who have a strong sense of self-identity in order to reject corruption that can erode their credibility,” he said.

He said this in his speech during the opening of the Corruption-Free Malaysia Convention held with the Malaysian Student Bodies of Public Institutions of Higher Learning (IPTA). It was organised by the UMS Secretariat for Prevention of Corruption at the university’s Chancellor Building here yesterday.

His speech was delivered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Associate Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali.

Dr. Harun went on to say that such programmes can further enlighten students and the society

in general on the evils of corruption that can cause dark moments in one’s life.

“The students are not only provided with information but also build their self-esteem to fight corruption. This program can also tap and hone leadership qualities among members of the organising committee,” he said.

The convention was attended by students from UMS, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putera Malaysia (UPM), Kota Kinabalu Polytechnic and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

Meanwhile, when met by reporters later, Dr. Ismail said corruption had become an issue that was difficult to deal with and therefore educating students at tertiary level was one way of combating it.



TOP: Dr. Ismail (middle) beating the gong to mark the launch of the Corruption-Free Malaysia Convention at UMS yesterday; **LEFT:** Dr. Ismail visiting the exhibiton held during the launching event.