

Professional medical support from UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The upcoming 24th International Borneo Safari Off-Road Challenge, scheduled for Oct 26-Nov2, traversing through 1,000 kilometres of Sabah's extreme wilderness, will receive professional medical support from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

In collaboration to hand the support towards the event were the Medical Emergency Response Team of UMS (MERT-UMS) and the UMS Four Wheel Drive Volunteer Club (UMS-4WDVC) under the leadership of Professor Dr. Shahril Yusof.

Dr. Shahril is the UMS



ALL SET TO LEND SUPPORT ... from left to right are Mohd Adnin Ramlee, Jenevie Jernun, Mohd Fikri Kukung, Albert Michael, Mohd Zaidie Adilai, Associate Professor Dr. Khin Muang Ong @ Arif, Professor Dr. Kamarudin, Malim Jamal, Vivian Julip and Alvin Leong.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation, while the team's deputy team leader is Professor Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin who is the Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of UMS.

Dr. Shahril said, both the medical teams decided to participate in this year's Borneo Safari to lend medical support for the first time ever with a total of 17 medical team members and six

associated members of the UMS-4WDC in two four wheel drives.

Besides providing general medical support and emergency medicine to the participants involved in any untoward incident during the entire seven-day event, the involvement of the medical team of UMS is also aimed to promote MERT-UMS to the public and also as part of its activities to coincide with UMS' 20th Anniversary.

MERT-UMS was established in 2013 and is a dedicated medical emergency team comprising trained and qualified medical professionals and volunteers from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The mission of MERT-UMS is to create awareness, give training and emergency medical services in a professional and effective service to the community in need.

MERT-UMS is deployed to work closely with UMS staff and personnel on the ground to identify, triage and provide prompt emergency medical treatment for staff and the public during both outdoor and indoor events.

UMS-4WDVC was established in April 2013 to gather four wheel drive enthusiasts as well as those interested in volunteering activities, in particular UMS staff to get involved in com-



munity volunteerism.
The current President of the club is Professor Dr. Shahril himself with Dr. Kamarudin as his deputy.