

# UMS denies prohibiting Christmas celebration in campus

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has denied reports which alleged it forbade students from celebrating Christmas on campus grounds.

Its vice-chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, said the university had never prohibited staff or students from organising any festive activity, including Christmas celebration, in the campus.

Describing it as a misunderstanding, he said the proposed Christmas celebration was approved much earlier, adding that UMS had also provided a budget for it to be organised," he said in a statement here yesterday.

He said UMS had also supported the students' idea of having it on a big scale and getting the local community to join in the celebration.

UMS had also given a choice for the celebration to be held either in-campus or off-campus, considering the expected crowd, traffic and parking problems.

For further clarification on the issue, queries may be submitted to the university management via e-mail [BPK@ums.edu.my](mailto:BPK@ums.edu.my) or call 088-320000, ext 1017/1650/1021 - Bernama