

UMS to host National Internship Challenge

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah is famous for its diverse flora and fauna, beautiful beaches and unique culture. And for this reason, it was chosen as the venue for the 5th National Internship Challenge (NIC) from October 8 to 10, this year.

The event is jointly organised by Jobmarket Malaysia (a subsidiary of Basis Group Holdings), a company set up to promote internship programme among students of Malaysian institutions of higher learning, in collaboration with the Sabah Tourism Board.

"We are happy and proud that UMS (Universiti Malaysia Sabah) is willing to host this year's National Internship Challenge," Basis Group Chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Abu Hassan Omar, said.

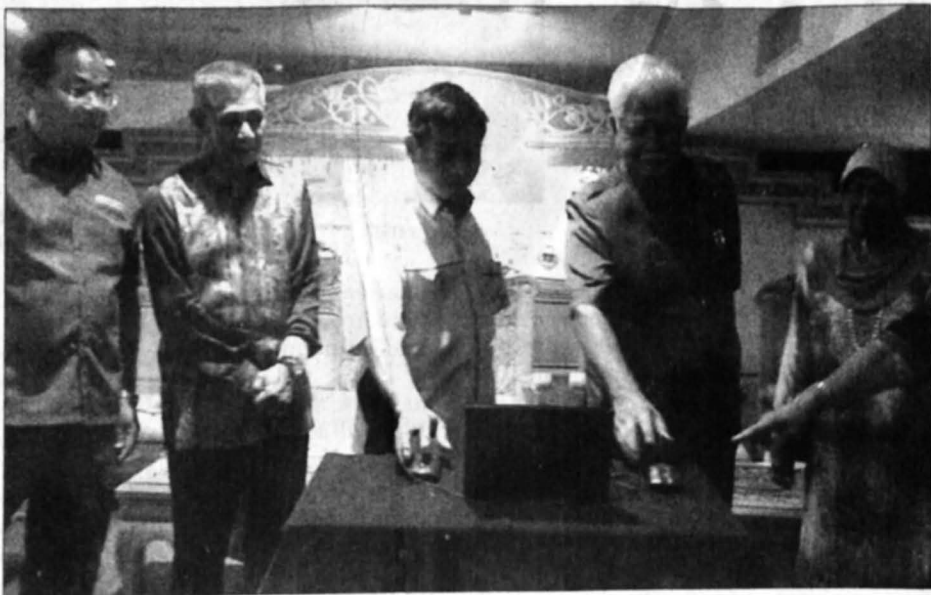
"This event was hosted in Peninsular Malaysia for four consecutive years, and this year we created history by bringing it to Sabah," he said.

"The NIC will benefit not only participants but also the committees involving UMS students. Experience garnered from this kind of exposure can be used in future," said Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Associate Professor Dr Kasim Md Mansur, during the official launching here, Saturday.

He was representing UMS Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Seri Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon,

"Those involved should take the opportunity to get exposure in the commercial world with special emphasis on the tourism industry," he said.

"This is the chance to enhance your team-building, communication, creativity and leadership skills," he said.



Adlin (second from left), Kasim (centre), Abu Hassan (second right) during the launching of the 5th NIC.

The theme for this year's event is "Memperkasakan Transformasi Mahasiswa Usahawan Pelancongan".

To date, 57 teams with a total of about 228 participants from various universities and colleges nationwide have confirmed participation.

They have to complete in the zone-level competition from April 1 to July 31 before they can qualify for the national event in October.

The programme was aimed at promoting and encouraging students to become skilled and qualified entrepreneurs in the tourism sectors after completing their studies.

Also present during the launch was Tengku Datuk Zainal Adlin, Chairman of the Tourism Board.