



The participants in a group picture with Kamarudin and Dr Sanjaya.

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) becomes the first public university in the country to be supported by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) with regard to Policy Development on Technology Enabled Learning.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin said the university has signed an agreement with the COL which was endorsed on Jan 29, this year and this have opened the way forward for the process of development and implementation of UMS' Technology Enabled Learning Policy.

"The COL is an inter-governmental organisation of the Commonwealth of Nations, which was founded in 1988 with the objective of developing standards for enhancing Teaching & Learning with Technology and we at UMS are privileged to have been granted access to their vast expertise," he said this in his speech when officiating the UMS Policy Development

for Technology – Enable Workshop, here, Monday.

He said the establishment of UMS Teaching Enabled Learning policy will be in line with the Ministry of Higher Education's DEPAN 2.0, the 10 shifts in the Malaysian Education Blueprint for Higher Education (2015–2025) which highlights the relevance of globalised online education, life-long learning and graduates who are future-proof.

"As we view the world from the perspective of the current Industrial Revolution 4.0 which is sweeping across every aspect of our lives, we need to respond to the increasing need for knowledge and skills that are pertinent and knowledge that evolves to meet the needs of UMS students who must constantly redefine their cognitive skills to meet the challenges of an increasingly competitive future," he said.

Speaking in front of 50 participants

from among educators, administrator and technical experts who represent the leading edge of UMS, he encourages them to mutually strive to enhance the quality of teaching and learning among students.

"I call upon all my fellow colleagues to contribute whole-heartedly to the process of policy development in this workshop," he said.

The UMS Policy Development for Technology – Enable Workshop was organised by a joint collaboration between The Centre for e-Learning with The Centre for Teaching Excellence & Academic Quality and The Department of Information Technology & Communication of UMS.

The two day workshop was facilitated by Education Specialist for E-learning COL from Vancouver, Canada Dr. Sanjaya Mishra.

Also present at the workshop were Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali.