

American Corner sets up after a year in the making

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KOTA KINABALU: The American Corner at Universiti Malaysia Sabah library came to fruition after a year an understanding was reached.

The UMS facility has joined nine other American Corners operating in eight states namely Perak, Penang (Seberang Jaya and George Town), Kedah, Kelantan, Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Johor and Sarawak.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin said it will house materials and collections such as high quality pictorial books, encyclopedia, current American magazines and journals as well as DVDs on American technology.

He added that the corner, also known as AC, will also organise various activities which will benefit both stu-

dents and the local community.

“Since the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UMS and the US Embassy on Sept 23 last year, various activities have been organised by the corner.

“Some of them were the Scuba Diving Programme, Meet and Greet with Band Break of Reality, Depression and Anxiety Talk, and Drone Workshop,” said Kamarudin during the launching ceremony yesterday.

UMS Library American Corner also provides electronic facilities including iPad, iMac, 3D Printers and more.

“Recently, the Breast Cancer Awareness was held in conjunction with Breast Cancer Campaign where various activities were organised such as exhibition and examination

for Cervical and Breast Cancer,” noted Kamarudin.

He added that the UMS KESUMBA and PERDESA had also jointly organised a forum on Cancer Prevention and Awareness which ended with the Pink Ribbon Walk.

“I hope that the US Embassy will work together with UMS to offer engaging and informative programmes at the corner.

“Among the examples are programmes led by talented Sabahans to offer hands-on experience with the latest technology and to share information about environmental conservation, entrepreneurship, higher education, civil society and other important topics,” he noted.

Kamarudin further reminded the people to take the opportunity to gain more information and knowledge about the United States of



Bradley (right) together with Kamarudin (middle) checking out the new devices after the launching of the American Corner at UMS Library.

America especially on its society, culture and values.

“I would therefore encourage everyone - students, lecturers and staffs to join or attend events organised by the American Corner as I am sure any programme organized by

this corner will be valuable resources which can help enrich our personal learning and extra resources for teaching, learning, research and publication purposes,” he said.

Also present during yesterday’s launching ceremony

were Counsellor of Public Affairs, US Embassy in Malaysia, Bradley Hurst, representing United States Ambassador to Malaysia, Kamala Shirin Lakhdir and UMS Chief Librarian Dayang Rukiah Awang Amit.