



Dr Timothy receiving the 2017 Merdeka Award from Sultan Nazrin Shah. At left is Prof Dr Balbir while Tengku Dr Zainal Adlin, 77, (who received the Merdeka Award in the Environment Category) is at right.

UMS' PML Malaysia Day celebration

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KOTA KINABALU: In conjunction with Malaysia Day on September 16, the Pusat Lestari Minda (PML) of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) organised the Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day Celebration in line with this year's theme 'Negaraku, Sehati Sejiwa', Monday. Around 50 PML students attended, wearing traditional attires and costumes with the Jalur Gemilang concept to enliven the celebration.

After officiating the ceremony, chairperson of Kelab Surirumah and Staf Wanita Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Kesumba) Roha Asmara said that the programme is an effort to cultivate patriotism among the youth.

"This celebration needs to be continued to en-

hance the patriotic spirit of our youth. Therefore, I hope that PML will be able to produce students who can inherit the courage and fortitude of the previous generation as well as maintain the harmony in racial diversity" said Roha.

Meanwhile, PML Director, Aidah Noordin said that the programme is aimed to foster the spirit of unity and to expose the community to the struggles of our past leaders in achieving independence for our nation. "For this year's celebration, PML also included a procession which involved the students, teachers, parents and staff. This is an effort to sow the 1 Malaysia spirit among the community and an appreciation for our past leaders sacrifices" said Aidah.