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UMS successfully fulfils three KPIs

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has complied with three key performance indicators (KPI) on Blended Learning, Massive Open Courses (MOOC) and Open Educational Resources (OER).

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dr Rasid Mail said that the achievement was made with cooperation of lecturers, coordinators of e-Learning, coordinators for MOOC@UMS, and coordinators of OER@UMS.

"I am happy that we have successfully complied with the three KPIs and congratulations to all the people who worked hard for that," he said during the opening ceremony of e-Learning Award Ceremony and MOOC Seminar 2017 at UMS here, yesterday on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr D. Kamarudin D Mudin.

Rasid mentioned that the Centre for e-Learning (CeL) will introduce the use and creation of OERs next month.

"In the coming months, this CeL will introduce the use and creation of OERs and how they are copyrighted under Creative Commons licensed.

"I hope that this repository will help increase the visibility and the quality branding of UMS," he said.

He pointed out that there are five advantages by looking at the current technologies.

"First, we should optimize the technologies; see the marketability because our students come from bottom and middle line of family background, attractiveness of programs in university, economic



Fong (right) presents a souvenir to Rasid (center) after the opening session.

reason and institutional legitimacy.

"All these five points are our mutual responsibility as educators toward our students," he added.

Meanwhile, Director of Centre for e-Learning, Prof Fong Soon Fook said that the KPIs target was more than what they had expected.

"We target to achieve 35 per cent for our KPIs but with our hard work, we successfully achieved 41 per cent and it is more than what we planned for," he said.

Other than that, he also mentioned that Smart UMS have being used as a platform for online learning system by lecturers and students is bearing results.

"We can nurture a new generation with graduated students ready for the Industrial Revolution 4.0," he added.

Director of Centre for Development of Academic Excellence in UMS, Prof Dr Abd Karim Alias shared that educators nowadays should be creative to crafting the next generation learner.

"Crafting the next generation learner these days is a challenge and creative ways should be planned by institutions. Everything we do should be accompanied by passion, so in crafting the next generation, we should look more on the context of online learning and general learning," he said.

According to Abd Karim, lecturers can use smart phone as a tool of learning and achieve the target of delivering the knowledge to students.