



The new converts with UMS officials.

DE 9.4.2017

6

UMS workshop for new converts

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Islamic Centre held its first New Convert (Mualaf) Muslim Workshop for the year at the UMS Mosque, here, recently.

Programme Coordinator Ainah Ramlan said the one-day event was to provide an insight on the practices of Muslims, as well as to enhance ties with new converts and non-government organisations. "Our hope in future programmes is to strengthen the spiritual awareness of new brothers who just embraced Islam, whether they are UMS students or outside communities," he said.

The workshop involved three speakers, namely Humanity, Art and Heritage Faculty Senior Lecturer Issraq Ramli, the centre's Director, Associate Professor Dr Muhamad Suhaimi Taat, and Islamic Affairs Senior Officer Md Razali Saibin, who presented their lectures to the Mualafs.

Among the new converts are couple Rinduh Lian, 66, and Gontuk Sidup, 63, from Kampung Marinking, Tenghilan. The two had embraced Islam about seven months ago.

"I am glad to be able to be present at this workshop with my husband. We would be able to learn more about what are the things Muslims should be doing," he said.

Some 50 new converts or Mualafs took part in the workshop.