



Human anatomy up close at Medical Museum

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KOTA KINABALU: Medical students will understand bodily functions better following the setting up, Wednesday, of the State's first Medical Museum at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Medical School.

"With this museum, students and the public can have a better chance to understand the human body," UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Hj Ampon, said, in his speech delivered by the school's dean, Prof. Dr Osman Ali.

The museum completed at end 2009, is focused on two main areas, namely, education and two-way communication.

"Education wise, this museum exposes students to the human anatomy in a more specific manner.

It also exposes viewers with aspects such as the plastination process, which is a safer and more comfortable way for preservation processes.



Inside the human body.

"This method was first introduced by a German doctor, Dr Gunther Von Hagens, whereby specimens preserved in this method are dry and odourless," Kamaruzaman said. Other aspects such as cadaver preservation, dissection and pathological specimens are also exhibited.

As for the two-way communication purpose, this museum will act as a platform for both foreign and local students and visitors to share and exchange information and knowledge.

Osman said the specimens, mostly from the United States, cost about RM2 million and will benefit more than 380 medical-related students in UMS.

"However, for bottled specimens such as preserved embryos and foetus, this university itself does the job," he said.

The museum is open for public viewing but an entrance fee will be imposed in the future for maintenance purposes," he said.