

University Malaysia Sabah holds SPSS program

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LABUAN: About 18 people attended the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) programme conducted at the Faculty of International Finance, University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here on May 30 and 31.

The SPSS programme was aimed at disseminating the important skill and knowledge with respect to the use of SPSS for everyday research life that captures data analysis where publication is brought into play.

This was the first programme of its kind organised by the faculty given the growing importance of research culture and publication at UMS among its staff and students, along with an effort to put forward

the income generation agenda.

The substances of the programme were successfully delivered by SPSS coach, Associate Professor Dr Hanudin Amin, who is also the dean of the faculty and an ex-student.

Dr Hanudin presented not only the theoretical part of the research that relates to SPSS but also on how to bridge the gap between the literature and the SPSS data analysis. SPSS can be used to capture both types of research - be it basic or applied research.

The two-day course covered various topics, ranging from the introductory level up to advance level. Dr Hanudin presented a new concept of data massaging to

improve the validity, reliability of the data used by researchers in the area of social science research. Those attended found that the data massaging was a new thinking for them that opens a new spectrum of doing data analysis.

Among the topics highlighted in the course were the treatment of missing data, data creation, moderation and a new approach of mediation analysis, to mention some.

The participants were also exposed to an improved way of data indexation and obtained a new way of doing analysis that was effectively shared during the course.