

200 UMS students in B40 group receive aid

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through its Student Affairs Department (HEP) presented financial aid to 200 students in the B40 group, at a ceremony yesterday.

The aid was presented by Toh Puan Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Norlidah Tan Sri Datuk R.M. Jasni, in her capacity as advisor to the Tun Juhar Foundation.

According to UMS Vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin, the aid was presented as one of the initiatives under the 'Merobah Idea Menjadi Realiti' (Meniti) programme, which also offered tertiary studies opportunities to 178 B40 students for the 2019/2020 intake.

"These students comprise target groups throughout Sabah, who



Norlidah presenting the financial aid to a UMS student at the ceremony held at Anjung Siswa UMS. Also seen is Dr Taufiq (third left).

were offered courses in three faculties, namely the Faculty of Business, Economy and Accounting, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage and Faculty of Psychology and Education.

"Of the 178 students, 149 under the Meniti programme were registered to UMS in September," said Yap.

He added that UMS was proud to announce the grade point average (GPA) of B40 students in the last semester increased compared to the previous semester.

For students in semester 2 of the 2018/2019 session, GPA of 3.50 and above increased by one per cent,

GPA 3.00 to 3.49 increased 49 per cent and the remaining 50 per cent of students achieved a GPA between 2.00 and 2.99.

"As of today, UMS produced one B40 student who graduated with first class honours in 2017. We hope to have two more graduating with similar accreditations in 2020, also from the B40 group under the Meniti programme," said Yap.

At yesterday's ceremony, Toh Puan also presented aid of RM10,000 from the Nur Jauhar Foundation to the UMS Student Welfare Fund.