

UMS don gets Maestro Award

DS 31.8.2019 10

KOTA KINABALU! Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Professor Dr Fong Soon Fook, Director of the Center for E-Learning, was awarded the prestigious Higher Education e-Learning Maestro Award for his outstanding lifetime contribution to the successful promotion of Learning Technologies through his illustrious career at national and international levels.

He received the award from Deputy Director General of Higher Education, Prof Dr Mohd Cairul Iqbal Mohd. Amin during the International University Carnival of E-learning 2019 held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), Kuching, Sarawak, recently.

Fong is a Professor in Multimedia Education at UMS Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage with over 42 years' experience as an educator during which he was involved in more than 14 international and national projects and authored more than 140 publications.

He is also the consultant specialist for the United National Scientific Educa-

tional and Cultural Organization (Unesco) and involved in the development of a national policy on inclusiveness in Open Educational Resources (iOER) as part of a global initiative in promoting inclusive and equitable quality education within the framework of Unesco's Sustainable Development Goals.

He also involved as a Unesco expert consultant for the development of The Ljubljana OER Action Plan, besides the involvement with a global inter-governmental agency, the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL) and has represented UMS at international forums conducted by the CoL.

His expertise has contributed to UMS gaining global visibility in the area of TEL and has led to intensified training for UMS academic staff via the implementation of a training program for the development of quality blended learning designs and the establishment of the UMS open educational resources repository.