



Dr Yap (right) exchanging documents with Dr Amirudin, witnessed by Shafie.

Partnership essential for success of future generations: UMS V-C

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KOTA KINABALU: True partnership between government and non-government parties is essential in ensuring the success of future generations, according to Universiti Malaysia Sabah's Vice-Chancellor.

Prof Dr Taufik Yap Yun Hin was referring to the collaboration between UMS and new industrial partners Cybersecurity Malaysia, Celcom Timur Sabah Sdn Bhd, Microsoft (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, NEM Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Fusionex Innovation and MISA Sdn Bhd.

He opines industry players not only strengthens research but also stimulates socio-economy and in the local context, provides growth to communities in Sabah.

"Among activities that enable this is input from the industry on graduates, whether they are already in workforce or will be in a short time.

Reviewing the curriculum allows us to continuously enhance our graduates with skills and knowledge required by the industry.

"Some may ask why should we lever-

age on this? Providing the right talents to industry will be an asset to the country as well," he said at the Sabah IT Symposium launched by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, here, Monday.

Yap cited a few success stories on industry-academia collaboration such as the establishment of the Huawei Lab where students undergo training and gain professional certification.

In regard to the university's collaboration with Celcom Timur, he said the latter provides laboratories for students to experience hands on industry exposure which allows them to apply what they learn in theory.

Through the university's collaboration with Sabah.Net, students are equipped with knowledge in security specifically under blockchain technology, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor said the collaboration between UMS and Cybersecurity Malaysia was established under the Faculty of Computing and Informatics to provide Digital Forensic services.