## UMS nine for Kuching Marathon on Aug 18

KOTA KINABALU: Nine staff will represent Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) at the Kuching Marathon 2019 on August 18.

The runners consist of academic staff and management as well as officers led by a senior lecturer from the Psychology and Education Faculty, Dr Mohamad Nizam Nazarudin.

According to Dr Mohamad, their involvement in the event is to unite staff from different branches as a team.

"These group of runners have high spirit to fly the university's flag at the championship, other than being role models to fellow staff members," he said.

He said during the flag off for the UMS Runners to the Kuching Marathon 2019 which was graced by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

At the ceremony, the registrar Vina Zahirani Yusof praises the effort by the university contingent in joining the marathon.

"This is in line with the main strategy in



The UMS participants pose during the handing over of flag by Dr Taufiq (centre)

the fourth Key Result Area (KRA) of the university which promotes a healthy culture to ensure the human resources field to have a positive level of good health and simultaneously improving the productivity and service quality," she said.

Meanwhile, Dr Taufiq expressed support in the active involvement of UMS staff in sporting events such as these.

He said, this effort is the right step in

fostering unity through sports events such as the above marathon.

"The university also supports its efforts of upholding the university's name worldwide including involvement in sports," urges Dr Taufig

During the event, the handing over of sports apparel to participants was done by Vina while the flag giving was done to the contingent by Dr Taufiq.