

# CSI-style workshop held for medical practitioners, students

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**KOTA KINABALU:** For the first time, a workshop that simulated forensic scenes just like in the famous TV series CSI was held recently.

The two-day workshop on Forensic Anthropology and Archeology was held in collaboration with the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Forensic Unit, Department of Pathobiology and Medical Diagnostic, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS UMS), together with the Department of Forensic Medicine, Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH).

The workshop was participated by 15 medical officers, scientific officers, and assistant medical officers from QEH as well as 20 Year Four medical students from FMHS UMS.

The main objectives of this workshop were to introduce Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology, which is new to the medical officers and medical students, and demonstrate hands-on workshop on exhumation processes.

The participants were exposed to the process of assessing the personal identification from bones on the first day and followed by hands-on exhumation procedure on the second day at the Outdoor Development Centre (ODEC) UMS.

"The participants were



very excited during this workshop whereby they experienced the process of searching for the "old graves" and finding the "old bones" buried inside it.

"We had used artificial human and monkey bones during the entire workshop," said Dr Nang Khin Mya, a forensic pathologist in FMHS UMS.

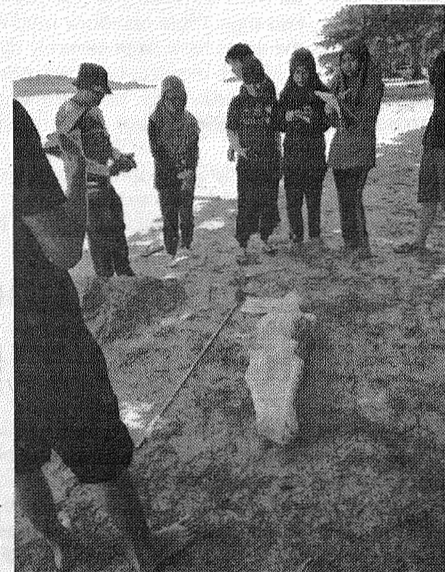
"We hope to nurture passion among the young medical students and doctors to be forensic pathologists. In Malaysia, we still lack this specialty and in Sabah, there are only three of us.

"This branch of medical field is a noble one to seek justice for the dead victims," she stated.

She also expressed her gratitude to the UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof Datuk

**TOP PHOTO:**  
A group photo of the participants.

**RIGHT PHOTO:**  
UMS medical students learning about bone identification at the "crime scene" at ODEC.



Dr D Kamaruddin D Mudin; and FMHS Dean, Prof Dr Mohd Safferee Jeffree for

supporting this unique workshop to held at UMS ODEC beach.