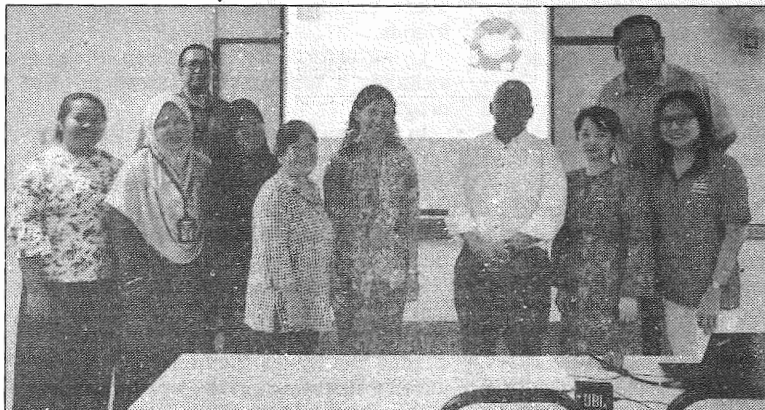


UNICEF Malaysia, UMS conduct financial management training course

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Anne Albert (front row, fifth left) and the participants of the HACT training course posing for a group photo.

KOTA KINABALU: UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Fund) Malaysia, in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), has recently organised a financial management training course – Harmonised Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) at the Faculty of Humanities, Arts, and Heritage recently.

The training course was aimed to providing knowledge to UNICEF's strategic partners in Sabah on the guidelines and procedures of managing and transferring funds from UNICEF.

"HACT is a financial procedure designed by UNICEF

to promote accountability and transparency in financial management by UNICEF's strategic partners," said UNICEF Officer Anne Albert while speaking at a talk during the training course.

"UNICEF's operating expenses are largely due to the public's contribution, so we need to practice accountability and transparency in financial management to maintain our trust," she added.

Meanwhile, UMS Communication Programme Lecturer Lai Che Ching said that the training was very important and meaningful as it would assist in the financial man-

agement of the UMS Development Communication Research Unit (C4D) in the future.

"It will be very helpful in terms of transparency in fund management," said the representative of the C4D Unit which is to be established at the institution via UNICEF's donation fund.

Also present during the one-day programme were the Asia Pacific Regional Office for Special Olympics, along with representatives from the Special Olympic Sabah as well as representatives of Treasurer and Industry Network Centre and UMS Communities.