

UMS gets grant to set up child nursery centre

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Pusat Minda Lestari (PML) recently received an RM180,000 grant for setting up a child nursery centre (Taska) at public sector workplace.

PML received the grant together with four other government agencies, namely the State Government Deputy Secretary's Administration Office (TSKN), Women Affairs Department (Jhewa), Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) Tun Mohammad Fuad Stephens Sandakan and State Prisons Department.

The grant presentation ceremony was officiated by Patrick Tan @ Tan Su Teck, representing the State Secretary, Datuk Seri Hashim Pajjan, at the State Secretary Office's meeting room here, and witnessed by Federal Welfare Services Department Deputy Director, Hajah Dayang Rugayah Awang Besar.

In a statement Thursday, PML said the success in getting the grant is a recognition from the central agency on UMS' capability

to provide nursery, teaching and early learning services to children of its staff.

It said the grant will be used to maintaining, renovating and purchasing tools needed for starting the Taska operation at UMS Sandakan Campus in line with the Deputy Prime Minister's aspiration in wanting Taska to be set up at workplace effective January this year.

The grant was provided to prepare nursery services for children below the age of four, reducing working parents' concern to enable them to focus on their jobs, encouraging parents to send thier children to Community Welfare Department-registered Taska and providing nursery and early education for children in line with the national policy.

PML was represented by its Director, Aidah Noordin, together with Senior Assistant Registrar, Faddili Kasin, Taska Supervisor, Aminah @ Bibiana Idris, and its Daycare and Transit Supervisor, Jaini Sapirai.