



Dr Yeap (second left) in a group photo with FMHS staff. Also present was Prof Dr Mohd Saffree.

‘Bring own container’ drive at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Medicine and Health Science (FMHS) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) launched the concept of Bring Your Own Container (BYOC) in conjunction with its Chinese New Year (CNY) Potluck and Celebration 2019.

“BYOC is a unique concept whereby we encourage all the faculty’s students and staff to bring their own containers daily for their meals. In today’s celebration, all lecturers, students and supporting staff brought food in their own containers.

“We want to raise awareness to our faculty members and the nation that one plastic bag takes 500 years to degrade completely. Malaysia is the 8th largest producer of mismanaged plastic in the world,” said Dr Yeap Boon Tat, Deputy Dean of Students’ Affairs and Alumni in a statement.

“I informed all faculty members since February 2019 regarding the need to re-

duce unnecessary plastic at our faculty, followed by this BYOC implementation in April 2019.

“I am proud to announce that FMHS UMS is the first faculty in the campus to implement BYOC and ban the usage of plastic bags and straws in the cafeteria,” he added.

The annual CNY Potluck and Celebration 2019 at FMHS UMS were graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin, and Dean FMHS Prof Dr Mohd Saffree Jeffree, lecturers, students and supporting staffs.

A 20-minute lion dance performance from Kawasan Rukun Tetangga (KRT) Pekan Menggatal and cultural performances from the students and staffs made the CNY atmosphere lively.

“We hope all other UMS faculties will implement this BYOC and we will share our experiences in handling unnecessary plastic bags,” said Dr Yeap.

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BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER

Bring your own is a simple & effective way to reduce plastics waste.

PHASE 1
Awareness Campaign
31st March – 31st March 2019

PHASE 2
Prohibitions on plastic usage
1st April 2019

100% of plastic bags reduced
100% of plastic straws reduced
100% of plastic bottles reduced

2000+ containers used to 100% of plastic straws
100% of plastic bottles reduced

Thank you for supporting our efforts in saving the environment.

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Poster of UMS “Bring Your Own Container”.