

1,000 take part in UMS Earth Hour

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KOTA KINABALU: Nearly 1,000 people took part in the Earth Hour programme organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), recently.

Held at the university's field, the participants gathered to witness the lights around the campus turned off from 8.30pm-9.30pm.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Ismail Ali said such programme can instil a better understanding among undergraduates on the awareness campaign.

"The active involvement of students is important to play their roles as problem solvers to the various current environmental issues," he said in a speech read by Student Affairs Department Head Kamisah Husin.

Acting UMS' EcoCampus Management Centre Director Kueh Boon Hee @ Kelvin said the annual programme is in line with the university's agenda to become a regional and global reference in maintaining the environment through learning processes, research, infrastructure development, administration, op-



Students lighting candles during the event.

erational practice and campus experience.

Among the activities held during the programme were 'Yoga under the Stars',

busking, and exhibitions.

Participants were also involved in creating a big '60+' symbol using plastic bottles filled with used cooking oil.