

UMS braces for challenging year

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice chancellor Prof Datuk Chm Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin has called on the university staff to mentally prepare themselves in facing the challenging year ahead.

He said that the economic and social situation could still be uncertain due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The 'business as usual' perception is no longer an option, instead the UMS staff should be more creative and innovative in carrying out their daily work so that their service quality could be maintained and improved despite various challenges," said Taufiq in 2021 address, which was broadcasted online on UMS' social platforms recently.

"In addition, the UMS management will also implement several plans and initiatives



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related to human resource sustainability plans, which are aimed at empowering and increasing the productivity of UMS staff, in line with the

UMS Strategic Plan to achieve its vision and mission," he added.

Taufiq is confident that UMS would be able to achieve both national and international success and that the university would also bring benefit to the country, state and community.

He had also pointed out the contributions made by UMS in the past year such as the Covinizer sanitisers, the Covi-Pro face shields, the Covid Sampling Chambers and the Covid Situation Tunnels, which were all developed by the university's very own scientists and engineers.

"All these personal protective equipment (PPE) were donated to the frontliners working in the hospitals, clinics and security forces as well as to the students and staff of UMS," he said.