

UMS to study effectiveness of Wuhan's test kit

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has been entrusted with the responsibility to conduct a study on the accuracy and effectiveness of a Covid-19 test kit manufactured by a company in Wuhan, China.

The study, a collaboration between the university and the Sabah China Chamber of Commerce (SCCC), is aimed at expanding efforts to contain the pandemic in the State.

SCCC Secretary-General Tan Kok Jyh said the test kit was unlike those being used in the field now.

"We are sensitive towards the virus situation in Sabah and so we managed to obtain this test kit from China to study.

"UMS is the first university to be given this trust because we are aware of its ability and expertise, and it is also adequately equipped to conduct such a study," he said after handing over the test kit to UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

He noted such joint efforts formed with UMS would further strengthen the relationship between SCCC and the local university.

In extending his appreciation, Taufiq said the varsity looked forward to this good collaboration, especially when Sabah is badly affected by the pandemic.

"We in UMS are proud and honoured to be chosen to conduct this study," he said, adding that they hoped the collaboration would continue.



UMS and SCCC staff in a group photo. Dr Taufiq is fourth left and Tan, far right.