

UMS first M'sian university to collaborate with PMB

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has become the first Malaysian university to collaborate with PMB Investment Berhad to train its graduates to become syariah unit trust consultants.

PMB continues its agenda to empower human capital development through collaboration with UMS for a syariah financial entrepreneurship programme, said UMS in a statement.

The collaboration was signed between PMB and two UMS entities, the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language (PPIB) and Career and Alumni Centre (PKA) on Wednesday.

PMB was represented by its Head of Strategic Sales Mahani Ibrahim while PPIB was represented by its Dean Associate Prof. Dr Lai Yew Meng while PKA by its Director Associate Prof. Dr Soon Singh A/L Bikar Singh.

According to the acting Chief Executive Officer of Mara Investment Group, Tengku Ahmad Badli Shah Raja Hussin, PMB can provide exposure to graduates on careers in the field of syariah financial entrepreneurship or unit trust consultancy.

“Graduates will be trained and given use-

ful knowledge and skills as unit trust consultants by experts in this industry,” he said.

“Today’s collaboration will add value to UMS graduates as well as open wider career and business opportunities to them in the field of syariah investment and finance.”

PMB also said that it intends to establish collaboration with more local public or private universities after UMS, which became the first university to create such a joint venture.

Meanwhile, the UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student and Alumni Affairs, Prof. Dr Raman Noordin, said the joint venture will realise some UMS agenda.

“Among them are training, upskilling and producing skilled trainees in the field of syariah finance to support the learning process,” he said.

“And if eligible, the graduates can be offered a job as a unit trust consultant on a part-time or full-time basis.”

Also present at the signing ceremony was the acting Chief Operating Officer of Mara Investment, Mohd Adzhar Abd Hamed.