



Dato Mansor visiting a fish hatchery facility in UMS.

# UMS efforts to spur biz interest

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has worked out various continuous efforts to ensure its students are exposed to entrepreneurship.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said among them were the setting up of entrepreneurship clubs, introductory sessions of entities that handle entrepreneurial affairs during the admission of new students, industry visits and talks.

“Business opportunities for students are also given to assess the level of acceptance of entrepreneurial knowledge,” he said during the visit by Deputy Higher Learning Minister Datuk Mansor Othman, at the UMS’ Chancellery Building, recently.

“UMS had also provided several business platforms for students that include MyBest Buy @ Tamu Fama, Ramadan bazaar, Tamu Gadang and digital entrepreneur courses.”

Apart from that, he said, the business

pitching programme held on March 11, had provided an opportunity for students to present their business ideas and plans.

“As a result, two UMS students were selected by the organising industry players to cooperate to materialise their ideas,” he said.

The collaboration between the university and industry players was one of the initiatives to provide opportunities for students to become part of the industry.

“The network was forged through a Letter of Intent (LoI) between UMS Entrepreneurship Club and Malaysian Advanced Entrepreneurs’ Association (PUMM), and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed on August 21, between UMS and Celcom Axiata Sdn Bhd.”

UMS, he said, intended to produce graduates who can not only contribute their expertise in the public and private sectors, but also strive to produce entrepreneurs who do not depend on government funds alone.