

Free UMS online biorisk management course launched

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KOTA KINABALU: The Centre for E-learning, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), an international intergovernmental organisation, announced the launch of a global massive open online course (MOOC) entitled "Introduction to Biorisk Management".

This five-week course, which will be conducted entirely online is open for registration and has been designed and developed to cater to the increasing need for training in the area of biorisk management.

The MOOC will address the learning needs of biosafety officers, laboratory managers, researchers, administrators and students who are involved in the management of risks posed by biological agents in the laboratory environment.

The emergence of biological agents such as the current Covid19 virus has necessitated the need for education in the area of biorisk management and UMS has chosen to address this need in keeping with its vision of becoming an innovative university of global standing.

The course instructor is Associate Professor Dr Kenneth F. Rodrigues, from the Biotechnology Research Institute, UMS, who has been trained and certified by the Malaysian Biosafety and Biosecurity Association (MBBA).

He was involved as a team member at the Covid19 diagnostic laboratory at UMS. Dr Kenneth has been assisted in content development by Ainatul Safaini, Zulfadhlee Nasyir and Norazzaleza Bertly.

The course is free and participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded a certificate of completion. The registration and all details can be obtained at the MOOC4DEV website which can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.mooc4dev.org/biorisk>