

UMS launches Borneo Epidemiology Journal

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Datuk Taufiq Yap (fourth left) and Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree (Third right) with the Borneo Epidemiology Journal.

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) launched the first epidemiology journal published in Borneo named Borneo Epidemiology Journal (BEJ) recently.

The journal was published by the university's Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty (FMHS).

"BEJ aims to be a platform to disseminate ample scientific information regarding various aspects of epidemiology which are paramount to the current arena and ongoing issues," said FMHS in a statement.

"Epidemiology in principal determines the distribution of diseases, factors underlying their source and cause, and methods for their control.

"Epidemiological information is important as it is used for planning and evaluating strategies to prevent illness.

"Realising the critical need of this field in turn made BEJ came into a reality, and furthermore, the importance of public health measures and epidemiological methods came into the spotlight with the current Covid-19 pandemic."

It also said that growing international collaborations and with the full commitment from the editorial members would propel the journal to soon attaining world class indexing.

The first issue of BEJ was launched by UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

Meanwhile, FMHS Dean Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree Jeffree said the editorial team made it into a reality to publish the journal's first issue even though the journal had only just started early this year.

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Also present during the launching ceremony were the journal's editor-in-chief Assoc Prof Dr Pasupuleti Visweswara Rao, managing editors Assoc Prof Dr Syed Sharizman Syed Abdul Rahim, FMHS senior lecturer Assoc Prof Dr Richard Avoi, and representatives from UMS Publisher.

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