'Over 1,000 UMS students still stranded in campus'

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Taufiq presenting the Covid-19 Sampling Chamber to Dr Rundi at Luyang Health Clinic yesterday.

KOTA KINABALU: More than 1,000 students are still stranded in the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) campus, said its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

He said the process of sending students back to their respective districts was still going on.

"We have made arrangements to send the students back to their respective districts. They will be allowed to return home once they have taken their swab tests and have received their results," he told reporters when met during the handing-over ceremony of a Covid-19 Sampling Chamber from UMS to the State Health Department, at Luyang Health Clinic yesterday.

He said that UMS would be sending all the students back home before the Hari Raya and Kaamatan celebration.

Separately, State Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi, said that chamber would assist the medical personnel in obtaining test samples from the public in a more comfortable manner.

"The structure provides the medical personnel with a comfortable place to carry out their work. They can take samples without using too many personal protective equipment (PPEs) except for their masks," said Rundi

The locally-made chamber cost around RM20,000 to make and it is more mobile and easier to use.

Taufiq said that UMS was planning to build at least five chambers.