



Dr Yusof (left) and John after presenting the contributions to Dr Taufiq (right).

RM500,000 food aid for 6,236 UMS students

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KOTA KINABALU: The State Government on Thursday contributed RM500,000 in food aid to 6,236 Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students who are staying at their hostels and off-campus during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

State Education and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Yusof Yacob, representing Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, handed over the money to UMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin at a ceremony held at the UMS Student Affairs and Alumni Department, here.

Sabah Credit Corporation (SCC) also contributed RM100,000 to UMS' Covid-19 Special Aid Fund.

Yusof said the State Government also helped students at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Polytechnic, Teacher Education Institute and private colleges in the State.

He said the State Government has channelled about RM200,000 to assist Sabahans who are studying in Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak.

He advised the students to be patient and observe the MCO until it ends on April 14.

"We will try to help all the students who are still in UMS regardless of whether they are from Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia or international students.

"My ministry will monitor the situation from time to time and this is our commitment.

"Be rest assured that we are doing everything to help all the students," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Taufiq said only students residing at the UMS Residential College and non-resident (NR) students living off-campus around Kota Kinabalu, who have registered with the UMS Student Affairs Department, are entitled to the aid.

He said the donations in cash will be credited to each student's account.

"These (students) include 3,016 at the Kota Kinabalu campus, 1,155 at the Labuan campus, 223 at the Sandakan campus and 1,842 NR students.

"We are very grateful for the contribution and hopefully we can work together in various fields in the future, especially with SCC.

"The university management will ensure that the welfare of UMS students is maintained at all times during the MCO," he said.

Also present were State Secretary Datuk Saiful Untong and SCC Chairman Datuk John Khoo.