

Protecting B40 UMS students' welfare and quality education

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KOTA KINABALU: The welfare of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students from low-income household (B40) will continue to be protected to ensure they received a quality education.

Its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Taufiq Yap Yun Hin (pic) said the university had provided several facilities to assist such groups, including Food Bank Programme.

"UMS has implemented a number of programmes to help students stay afloat while

pursuing their studies.

"One of the university's initiatives is Food Bank, the best place to provide students with food donations.

"Not only can it lower the cost of living and reduce the student burden but also give them an organisational management exposure as well as fostering volunteerism spirit," Taufiq said, adding that currently the university recorded 488 students from the B40 background.

Taufiq said this in his opening speech during the 2019-2020 B40 Student Consumerism Advocacy Program here on Thursday.

The Malaysian Consumer and Family Economy Association (MACFEA) and the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) have chosen UMS as the institution to organise the program for the Sabah Zone.

The highlights of the event were Food Bank and Online

Cheating.

He asserted besides getting enough food supply, knowledge on technology crime such as fraud helps B40 students to increase their awareness on digital consumer protection issues.

"As a student, technology is important. This is because technology is an unlimited source of knowledge

"However, many irresponsible parties are taking advantage which could lead to consumer fraud."



Taufiq speaking during the event.

Hence, he urged B40 students to become a knowl-

edgeable consumer. *-By-Ves-ta Vanessa Jsol*