



Taufik (fourth right) at the officiating of the carnival.

# UMS carnival helps develop talents, skills

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KOTA KINABALU: The Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Co-Curriculum Carnival was to encourage active participation of students to develop their talents and skills in building human capital.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk ChM Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin, co-curriculum is a platform to give opportunity to students to further develop their talents and skills such as soft skills, field skills and professional skills.

He said, "Co-curricular activities can also develop students to be creative and innovative in thinking critically and capable of coping with challenges." In this regard, UMS through the Centre for Co-Curriculum and Student Development (PKPP) has offered a variety of courses that provide opportunities for students to learn and develop soft skills and develop to be holistic students," he said.

He explained that through the courses, students must so be prepared to become leaders who can cope with the changes that are taking place in the development of the country and can thus cultivate such skills in everyday life.

"The PKPP also places responsibility on fulfilling the university's

desire to provide education and mastery of the students in field skills, professional skills and soft skills that are required in the employment sector," he said when officiating the closing ceremony of the Co-Curriculum Carnival for Semester 1, 2019/2020 academic session in the UMS Chancellery Square, recently.

"Throughout the courses, students will be nurtured and guided through holistic experiences via nine core areas namely leadership, community, volunteerism, social, recreation and leisure, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity, arts and culture and public speaking," he said.

A total of 74 co-curricular courses were taken by UMS students during the two-day carnival by presenting various activities such as student activities fair, mega aerobics, karaoke, e-sports, blood donation and health checks, among others.

Also present were UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Prof Dr Raman Noordin, Director of the PKPP, Dr Hassanool Noordin and Co-Curriculum Carnival Programme Director, Mohd Nurusydi Izzat Abdul Seit.