Faculty of Psychology and Education (FPP), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently organised a seminar on Substance Abuse, Smart Sharing Programme (SHARP 2016).

Held at UMS Dewan Resital, the seminar was organised in collaboration with the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK).

Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah in his speech said, the yearly programme of FPP was coordinated by students of Counseling Psychology (Substance Abuse), which aimed to be the catalyst of knowledge in line with the government’s goal to eradicate drug abuse holistically.

“SHARP aims to promote UMS SPADA’s role and to promote its programme to the general public and counseling teachers around Sabah on the importance of this programme and its main goal.

“It is also to expose participants to the causes and effects of drugs on individual, society and the country as well as part of UMS social responsibility in particular FPP in its efforts to contribute to the welfare of society,” he said.

His speech was delivered by the Dean of FPP, Associate Professor Dr. Hj. Mohd Dahlan A. Malek.

Datuk Harun said, the programme was also to raise funds to finance drug prevention and rehabilitation programmes organised by postgraduate students of SPADA UMS.

“When we talk about prevention and eradication programmes on drug abuse, we cannot escape from the educational process and interests of knowledge. Without knowledge, it is difficult to achieve success in anything we do,” he added.

He urged the public to always work together to form a solid team in every area that complements each other to achieve this noble goal.

“Hopefully, through cooperation and joint efforts such as this, we are ready to move together as a team to fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking,” he added.

The event was officiated by the Director General of AADK Malaysia, Dato’ Dr. Abd. Halim Mohd Hussin. – (fI)