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The noble charisma of the Prophet S.A.W who was always kind to all and his success in uniting the community should be emulated by all Muslim community today in order to maintain harmony in the country.

Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS),

Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah said, the success of the Prophet in uniting the people in Madinah should be seen in a wider context.

“When viewed against the background of the people in our country that is made up of different races and religions, unity is very important amongst the people of Malaysia, especially in facing the challenges from external elements who try to poison the minds of people, dividing Malaysians.

“Hence, let us together practice tolerance and be forgiving, insya-Allah all planned development of the country would be achieved if everyone is united,” he said in his speech in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul UMS level celebration held at Dewan Resital, UMS.

His text was read by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) UMS, Associate Professor Dr. Ismail Ali.

According to him, in the context of UMS, all employees must be united in working together to provide the best service to students and contributing to the surrounding community.

“Without unity and understanding, it is hard for UMS to achieve its Key Performance Indicators (KPI) that have been set,” he said.

The charity project by Al-Jawwad group was chosen to be the best, winning them the prize money of RM2,000 contributed by the Sabah Zakat Centre, presented by Dr. Ismail.

The group comprised the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Centre for the Preparatory of Science and Technology, Borneo Marine Research Institute, Biotechnology Research Institute and the Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation, which repaired the surau at Kampung Lentuong, Karambunai, building a mini dam for the surau, and the distribution of Al-Quran and basic needs for the surau.
More than 500 UMS staff attended the event where a talk was also presented by *Pencetus Ummah* (PU) Azihal Bangsawan. – *MA (fl)*

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