KOTA KINABALU: The Communications and Multimedia Ministry (KKMM) will be allocating RM5 million to assist University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) implement its Information and Communication Technology Smart Infrastructure project.

Its Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said the funds would be channelled through the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

He said the project involved improvement of ICT infrastructure for UMS such as the installation of fibre optic networks connecting buildings and premises as well as installation of closed circuit television (CCTV) at strategic locations in the campus.

"The fibre network and security components to be developed by UMS would enable the university to implement the Smart Eco UMS 4.0 in ensuring a secure environment for its population and serve as a platform in processing and analysing incident data."

"This endeavour by UMS would make the university a model and reference in the development of digital technology, enhance its information delivery effectiveness and promote it as a higher education preference in the country," he said when launching the project here.

Salleh said the project was in line with the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0), for their future advancement.

Meanwhile, he hoped the university and its students would constantly update their knowledge and its students would constantly update their knowledge and enhance their knowledge in current developments, particularly in relation to "It is in line with the 2016-2035 Sabah Long Term Strategic Plan, dubbed Sabah Leap, where the ICT and education developments are enshrined in its social development policy."

"UMS, as the pioneer of education excellence and socio-economic development in Sabah, takes the initiative to create a smart community-university by starting the Smart Eco-UMS 4.0 project," he added.

Salleh said the UMS initiative also showed the university's continuous support for the Government in meeting the needs of learning and research sustainability in public higher education institutions (IPTAs).

Also present at the launching were MCMC Chief Operating Officer Datuk Dr Mazlan Ismail and UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin.

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