KOTAKINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) melancarkan Tabung Ehsan RM13/5 Alumni UMS pada Majlis Iftar bersama alumni di sebuah hotel, di sini.


"Tabung ini bukan hanya manfaat kepada hakangan alumni UMS semestir dibayar kata pepatah "bera samada air teko, ringan sama diniing." Makanya kita harap berbincang melancarkan tabung berkenaan.

Nurulaili yang juga alumni UMS tumbur menyeru semua alumni untuk menyumbang sama ada setiap bulan atau setahun setiap.

Dalam pala itu, Timbalan Nalb Caselor Bal Ebwal Pelajur dan Alumni (HEPA) Prof Dr Ismail Ali dalam ucapan menyempatakan Kelaah Alumni Fakulti UMS atau Pertubuhan Alumni UMS lebih aktiv untuk mengadakan majlis sedemikian dan acara lain yang berakaitan. Bagi memastikan slogan 'stay connected' alumni UMS dengan almar mater dapat diterima.


Dalam masa yang sama, para alumni juga dapat menjalani kejayaan serta berkontribusi kepada kemakmuran sesama mereka. Majlis Iftar dan Pelancaran Tabung Ehsan itu mendapat sambutan yang meramai yang dihadiri sebanyak 180 alumni UMS.

Hadir sama, Pengarah Pusat Alumni UMS Darwis Hj Awang, Pengurus Majlis Timbalan Dekan HEPA UMS Dr Mohamad Puad Bekt dan Ketua Chapter Alumni UMS Pantai Bentu Sabah Dg Maimunah Hj Sidi

ALUMNI UMS yang hadir menderma Tabung Ehsan Alumni

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KOTA KINABALU: Public awareness needs to be raised and the community needs to be motivated to better manage the oceans as a resource. Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Borneo Marine Research Institute recently kicked off the celebration of the World Oceans Day to drive home the message.

Dr. Rosita Shapawi said UMS wants to unite the community of nations around the world to increase public awareness of the marine environment and to motivate people to act for better management of the oceans.

"This is absolutely necessary for sustaining the benefits arising from the marine ecosystem," she said in a statement. World Oceans Day is a United Nations initiative. This year's theme is 'Clean Our Oceans'.

One of the activities carried out was a clean-up of the beach near the UMS Outdoor Development Centre (ODDC) which experienced in recent weeks large volumes of ocean debris washed onto it.

"It is an eye opener and a serious environmental problem. Like conveyor belts, the ocean currents transport the garbage, especially the plastics to distant places."

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Sustainable Development Goals, and "Goal 14 - Life below Water: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" makes it loud and clear that we need to act to protect our oceans for our own benefit.

"In addition to removing the waste deposited by currents on our beach, we have lined up various activities including Ocean Walk and Marine biodiversity exhibition in our aquarium."

"Besides that, there is also a pledge signing to bring the public board in marine conservation and complying with our obligations under Sustainable Development Goal 14. These activities will also highlight the initiatives under the Coral Triangle Initiative," she added.