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STATE Health and People’s Wellbeing Minister Datuk Frankie Poon Ming Pung hopes to work with University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and come up with better government policies to tackle major health and economic issues in the state. He said his Ministry will collaborate with UMS to address the issues based on research.

“On my part, we will provide our collaboration. Because we need to find out ways, causes of the issues involved and come up with proper government policies to ensure whatever findings can properly help in improving the situation. Through the government policies, we can make the necessary directive to all government agencies in order to carry out whatever has been or correctly suggested or proposed by the university,” he told reporters.

Meanwhile, State Law and Native Affairs Assistant Minister Jannie Lasimbang said she was happy that the conference also looked at the indigenous people.

“Majority of those who live in the rural areas are indigenous people who also have health issues like mental health, thelamasia and so on were discussed during this conference,” she said.

UMS DON GETS MAESTRO AWARD

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Professor Dr Fong Soon Fooi, Director of the Center for E-Learning, was awarded the prestigious Higher Education e-Learning Maestro Award for his outstanding lifetime contribution to the successful promotion of Learning Technologies through his illustrious career at national and international levels.

He received the award from Deputy Director General of Higher Education, Prof Dr Mohd Caizul Iqbal Mohd. Amin during the International University Carnival of E-learning 2019 held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Kuching, Sarawak, recently.

Fong is a Professor in Multimedia Education at UMS Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage with over 42 years of experience as an educator during which he was involved in more than 24 international and national projects and authored more than 450 publications.

He is also the consultant specialist for the United National Scientific Education and Cultural Organization (Unesco) and involved in the development of a national policy on inclusiveness in Open Educational Resources (OER) as part of a global initiative in promoting inclusive and equitable quality education within the framework of Unesco’s Sustainable Development Goals.

He also involved as a Unesco expert consultant for the development of The Lijubina OER Action Plan, besides the involvement with a global inter-governmental agency, the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL) and has represented UMS at international forums conducted by the CoL.

His expertise has contributed to UMS gaining global visibility in the area of TEL and has led to intensified training for UMS academic staff via the implementation of a training program for the development of quality blended learning designs and the establishment of the UMS open educational resources repository.

POON HARAP KERJASAMA DENGAN UMS

MENGENI Keshatan dan Kesayahan Kekat, Datuk Frankie Poon Ming Pung berharap untuk bekerjasama dengan Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) untuk menangani isu-isi terkait berdasarkan penelitian.

“Pada pikir saya, saya tidak mengetahui lebih banyak isu-isi terkait berdasarkan penelitian,” katanya kepada media selepas melakukan penugasan Penyelidikan Kualiti Hidup Borneo ke-2 yang diadakan di Fakulti Perubatan dan Sains Keshatan, UMS, di sini, pada Jumaat.

“Majorti penduduk di labar bandar adalah orang asal, yang juga menghadapi isu-kekhatan seperti kehidupan, kesihatan dan sebagainya yang dibincangkan semasa persidangan, katanya. -Putrie Peter.