

UMS to hold international rural medicine conference

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KOTA KINABALU: The School of Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is organizing the third International Conference on Rural Medicine (ICORM) from November 22 to 24.

It is co-organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology Information, Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, Sabah State Health Department, Rural Medicine Research Unit and Persatuan Perubatan Desa Sabah.

As Sabah is rich with diverse ethnic groups residing in rural settings, the conference venue is planned as well as in the rural areas with beautiful sceneries and friendly ethnic people.

The academic sessions will be conducted at Le meridian Hotel, followed by exposure to rural surroundings decorated with the flora and fauna of Sabah.

This conference, with the theme 'Health Transformation in Challenging Economies', has

participation of distinguished international and national speakers who will share, discuss and address pressing concerns, particularly in rural healthcare and education.

Associate Professor Dr Shamsul Bahari Samsudin, the chairman of the organizing committee, declares that distinguished international experts have been invited from Canada, India, Myanmar, Korea, Philippines and Indonesia. National experts

will also share their experiences in facing these challenges in healthcare delivery.

The ICORM committee is expecting more than 300 participants representing various inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, health professionals, academicians and students.

The participants are expected to register within these few days leading up to

this conference.

They will have ample opportunities to partake in the exciting programmes that encompass issues such as cost protection mechanism for patients, future challenges on health financing in Malaysia, integrated management of childhood illnesses, nursing care integration, integrated rural health care, environment and health care, mental health in rural areas, impact

of transborder migration and medical education towards health transformation.

Pre-conference workshops will also be conducted the day before the conference. Participants are invited to join.

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