

UMS lab practices cost saving steps, says VC

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) new joint utilisation instrument lab practices cost saving steps within the university's eco campus.

According to the university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah, its existence is necessary to increase beneficial services.

"This lab is also capable of improving research activities, aid in educational activities as well as generate income through outside services including industries," added Harun at the launch of the new lab at UMS School of Science and Technology, here.

Apart from that, he also pointed out that the lab will be managed by the Instrumentation unit of the Innovation and Research

centre as an early step towards building an instrumentation and measurement centre as well as a strategic plan for the university which goes as far as 2020.

Also highlighted by him was its establishment which is in line with expertise sharing. This, according to him can improve the skills and competence of all UMS lab staff.

"For example, the staff who are good at dealing with instruments can help in that area. Meanwhile, staff from the instrumentation unit will be assisting in terms of developing staff skills and competency."

Also announced was the setting up of another lab - 'Makmal Penyelidikan Bersepadu' which is expected to be completed by 2014.