KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Non-academic and professionals (PPUMS) are being encouraged to work closer together to bring the university to even greater heights.

Speaking at the association's 8th annual general meeting yesterday, UMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Harun Abdullah highlighted the importance for members to strengthen cooperation between different departments by working together as a team to complete tasks more effectively.

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"The success of any organisation depend greatly on the commitment of every member to work together effectively which would enable them to pool creative solutions to solve problems and tackle tasks more quickly and efficiently compared to working individually," he noted. Additionally, Harun also reminded staff members to maintain the highest standards of integrity, discipline and professionalism at all times to become a leading example for other departments in the organisation.

During his speech, Harun commended the PPUMS for hosting the 3rd Kinabalu Convention held from June 18-19 which was considered the association's best achievement compared to previous conventions and meetings organised in the past.

"PPUMS is undoubtedly the most active organisation in UMS who have been at the forefront in organising a wide variety of corporate and social events for university staff and members," he told reporters yesterday.

During the event, Harun also presented a cheque amounting RM 20,000 to PPUMS President, Zawawi Tiyunin which would be channelled for the future establishment of the UMS Pensioners Fund.

"This proposed UMS Pensioners Fund is a great new initiative aimed at providing university staff with a source of income well into retirement," PPUMS President Zawawi Tiyunin said.