KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah’s (UMS) Faculty of Psychology and Education has been urged to continue its collaboration with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (Niosh) to create more awareness on the safety and health of employees.

Faculty Dean, Professor Dr Ismail Ibrahim said this when launching the Occupational Health and Safety Awareness Week at the Faculty of Psychology and Education’s Mini Auditorium here, Wednesday.

The practice of first aid, according to him is not the first to be held at the faculty.

"However, I still believe that there are plenty of us who are not aware of the precise procedures in terms of first aid safety," he said, adding that the first aid demonstrations would offer valuable experiences towards their staff and students especially in terms of life saving.

The demonstrations would not make them professionals but at least they would know how to respond during emergency situations, he said.

Ismail also said that the university's higher management pays serious attention to the development of the university's Department of Occupational Safety and Health.

"Therefore, institution directors and faculty deans had been asked to have their own respective Department of Occupational Safety and Health," he said, adding that the action is in line with the Occupational Safety and Health 1994 (Act 514).