

UMS told: Be fair to Christian Bumi students

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KUALA LUMPUR: Upko hopes the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) administration will allow Christian Bumiputras and others to celebrate Christmas within the campus grounds.

Its Acting President Datuk Madius Tangau, said: Several parents came to him for help. "I sincerely appeal to the UMS authorities to allow the Christian students to celebrate Christmas within the UMS compound.

"Upko disagree with policies which bar students from exercising their religious freedom, more so in an institution of higher learning. I have

also taken it upon myself to bring up the matter with our top Barisan Nasional leadership," he said.

What puzzled Tangau was the fact that apart from Muslim students, Buddhists and Hindus were also allowed to hold their religious celebration in campus but not Christians. The traditional Tadau Kaamatan is also the UMS annual event.

"Christians there had been holding their Christmas do at the nearby shopping complex for the last two years because they could not get the approval from UMS," he said.