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"It is imperative that the younger generation are provided with opportunities to engage in activities that focus on science, technology and innovation," said Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Datuk Yakub Khan.

He praised the efforts carried out by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in promoting science, technology and innovation among students, as well as at the university level.

"Among notable initiatives include the Sabah Science Carnival in 2022, a landmark programme organised by the Ministry of

Science, Technology and Innovation which saw the participation of 1.25 million people at various levels," he said during his speech at the UMS Community outreach and Corporate Social Responsibility Programme at Kampung Pulau Sepanggar.

While commending the community outreach helmed by the University's Psychology and Education Faculty, Yakub expressed hope similar beneficial events can be held in the future.

"I would like to offer my congratulations to UMS for recent accomplishments which include the Outstanding Award and Best Overall Award (Agriculture and Forestry category) and tallied 14 medals consisting of six Gold, four silver and four Bronze, at the Pecipta 2022 International Higher Education Institution Invention Conference and Expo held at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan," he said.

Yakub also noted the State Government's Sabah Maju Jaya (SMJ) Plan contained five objectives which point to building a united, harmonious and progressive state; optimising natural resources; spur economic recovery, elevating the economy of the people and human resource development.

He noted the SMJ Plan would move in line with the National Development Agenda under the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030. To continue driving the development of the state, he said it was important to increase the number of state representatives in parliament.

Among those who attended the event were UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Haji Mansur; Political Secretary to Assistant Chief Minister, Datuk Fadhillah Haji Sarbi; Kg Pulau Sepanggar Village Chief Mat Shah and Kg Pulau Sepanggar JPKK Chairman Mohd Razmen bin Abdul Lahmin.



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