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Keep national identity in your performances, students told

KUCHING: Unimas students from the Applied and Creative Arts Faculty have been reminded to always keep the national identity, which is interculturally totally Malaysian, in their performances.

Dean of Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts Assoc Prof Hasnizam Abdul Wahid said most of Westerners who came to Malaysia wanted to see what Malaysia had. He said Malaysia was well-known to many Westerners as being a unique country with rich cultural backgrounds and historical traditions.

He noted that Malaysia had become a country of people of different races, religions, and cultures.

"Sarawak is one of the states in Malaysia which are rich in their own cultures and traditions.

"Therefore, you don't need to be a foreigner in your dance form, but be yourselves," he said at the launch of the Unimas' "Art, Culture and Heritage Week" yesterday.

The objectives of the event are to create communication network and cooperation among students in the field of arts and make Unimas an established "Culture Campus" in Malaysia.