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Iconic UNIMAS Islamic Centre opens to public



Kota Samarahan: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) has officially opened its new Islamic Centre, named Pusat Islam Tun Abang Salahuddin, an innovative and contemporary landmark on campus.

Built on a seven acre land, the inspiration for its architecture was a selected number of iconic mosque designs from all over the world including the Al-Hambra Mosque in Granada, Spain. Its contemporary design includes an integration of elements of gardens and natural resources, as it is aspired to become a hub for knowledge creation and dissemination for Islamic studies in the region. The centre also boasts a wide range of facilities to cater for needs of the university as well as the public. There is a large prayer hall which can accommodate 4,000 people at any one time, and a number of Seminar and Lecture halls for 300 seats. There are also rooms for teaching staff and meetings. On the ground floor of the Pusat Islam, UNIMAS has established a playschool for children of UNIMAS staff who are under the age of four. Apart from being a place for worship, the centre can also be used for seminars, courses, lectures or conferences by the

university and it also open for booking by the public. This centre will become a beacon of spirituality and unity through its programme which includes the development of human capital for the university as well as the surrounding area.

The opening ceremony was held on the 11th February 2014 by His Excellency Tun Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Muhammad Salahuddin, Governor of Sarawak who is also the Chancellor of UNIMAS. Also present was YB Datuk Ir Haji Daud Abdul Rahmad, who represented the Chief Minister of Sarawak. The grand ceremony was attended by university staff and students as well as the local community from Kuching and Kota Samarahan.

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