

Dean: Be proud of your unique culture

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SAMARAHAN: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) organised its eighth annual Arts, Culture, and Heritage Week (ACHW) to expose students to new techniques of managing and organising events that are creative, innovative, and technologically driven.

The event, held at campus, was officiated by with Associate Professor Dr Hasnizam Abdul Wahid, dean of the Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts yesterday morning.

In his speech, Dr Hasnizam believed that through ACHW, Malaysians, Sarawakians in particular, could learn to practise the values set by their respective cultures and religions.

"Seen in a wider concept, ACHW contributes to the preservation of arts, culture and heritage of our diverse society, making us a unique race," he said.

Dr Hasnizam said that foreign-



DR. Hasnizam (front left), accompanied by Dr. Noria Tugang right), scrutinises some of the pictures of local popular singers on display.

ers, on coming to Sarawak, are often fascinated by the many different races and religious practices thriving together in peace and harmony.

"They are fascinated by our unique cultures, arts and lifestyles because we have established a

cultural identity among us," he said, adding that all Sarawakians should be proud of their unique cultures.

"Instead of trying to be someone else, better embrace our own cultures and be proud of it," he said.



DR. Hasnizam (centre) declares open the art, culture and heritage week as Clarence Sim (left) and Noria Tuggang look on. PHOTOS: RAMIDI SUBARI