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UMS was also not spared from trouble involving intellectual property rights.

Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon revealed legal action was taken against UMS for using an international song without permission during one of its convocations without realising it was an offence.

One of those who attended the convocation took video footage of the ceremonies and uploaded it on YouTube, as a consequence of which the university got embroiled in a copyright infringement issue.

"In this respect, UMS has taken steps to create awareness on intellectual property rights to prevent similar incidents from being repeated," he said.

In another development, Kamaruzaman said UMS has a Research and Innovation Centre which was established in June 2002.

"This centre is responsible for strengthening the existing administration system of research and innovation, and we hope our discoveries can eventually be commercialised and generate income for the university and the nation as a whole in the future.

Towards this end, he noted UMS' achievement in the International Exhibition and Design Competition last year where the university bagged four gold medals, 13 silver medals and 17 bronze medals.

"We hope this achievement will bolster the research and innovative culture in UMS and researchers as a whole," he added. ~ Sherell Ann Jeffrey