Unimas to host maiden international nursing conference

KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will host the first International Nursing Conference organised by the Nursing Council of Public Institutions of Higher Learning Malaysia (IPTA) this year.

To be held on May 22-25 at Riverside Majestic Hotel here, the event will be facilitated by the Nursing Department of the university’s Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, with the support of eight co-organisers, namely Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, International Islamic University of Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Teknologi Mara and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin.

The conference will be declared open by Welfare, Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Fatimah Abdullah.

“The conference provides avenues to examine the future direction of nursing particularly tertiary nursing education; inculcate research and innovation amongst health professionals; and promote evidence-based practice.”

“The theme ‘Transforming Nursing’ is driven by the idea of the nurses’ capability in addressing the challenges of change, to keep abreast with the changing demand of the society as well as changes in disease pattern.”

“Transforming nursing is essential in its commitment to making positive difference in nursing today then was yesterday.”

“As nurses and the health professionals strive forward in pursuit of excellence, a force for change is indeed crucial in the evolution of nursing and health profession,” a statement from Unimas said yesterday.

The main features of the conference will include prominent local speakers and those from overseas.

“Dynamic presentation includes keynotes, plenaries, symposiums, concurrent free papers sessions and a forum. There will also be poster presentations and booth exhibitions,” Unimas said, adding that registration would still be open as the closing date is May 9.