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UTS, a rising academic publishing powerhouse

SIBU: Since its establishment in 2021, the University of Technology Sarawak (UTS) has published a total of 25 books on various subjects.

"Our authors come not only from UTS but also from esteemed institutions such as UNIMAS, UMK, USM, and FRIM," said Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin Ab Hamid.

"These accomplishments hold immense significance for our burgeoning publication centre, indicating that we are firmly on the path to becoming an academic publishing powerhouse shortly.

"Remarkable efforts and dedication of our staff have played a pivotal role in making these achievements possible," he said at the launch of UTS Publisher's 2024 book collection, held at its premises yesterday.

The book collection, consisting of 11 influential works spanning the fields of science and technology, business, and engineering, was officially launched by Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, and Talent Development Dr Annuar Rapae.



Khairuddin mentioned that as UTS enters 2024, a new milestone awaits as it proudly receives its first international manuscript from a university in Indonesia.

This collaboration marks the beginning of a promising chapter for UTS, symbolising the trust placed by international institutions in the capabilities of the publishing house.

"We anticipate and welcome further collaborations with

international authors, aiming to continue producing and publishing high-quality scholarly books in the future.

"The authors of our books, the brilliant minds behind this literary creation, have not only contributed to the wealth of knowledge within our academic fields but have also inspired us with their dedication to the pursuit of excellence.

"These books exemplify the

tireless efforts, research, and passion that our authors pour into their work, shaping the intellectual landscape of our university.

"And as we delve into the pages of these books, we embark on a journey that transcends the boundaries of conventional thinking, challenges established paradigms, and offers fresh perspectives," he stated.

He pointed out that these books

PROF Khairuddin (second from right) hands over the book collection as souvenir to Dr Annuar.

represent not only academic rigour but also a testament to the solid commitment to advancing the frontiers of knowledge.

A series of writing programmes and workshops have been initiated to support and inspire aspiring authors among the academic staff members.

These initiatives aim to empower scholars to publish scholarly books grounded in their research endeavours.

"Let us celebrate the book launch not only as a literary achievement but as a symbol of the intellectual vitality that defines UTS.

"May these books inspire future generations of scholars to continue pushing the boundaries of knowledge and contribute to the ever-evolving landscape of academia," Khairuddin added.

Also present were Abang Haliman Abang Julai, state director of Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka; Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Firdaus Abong Abdullah, director of UTS Publisher; and Wong Kwong Lee, chief executive officer of Kolej Laila Taib.