

New UMS v-c named

PROF Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin (*pic*) has been appointed Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice-chancellor for a period of three years until July 2022.

The Education Ministry in a statement, said his appointment is based on his expertise and academic qualifications.

He takes over from Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin, whose term was shortened.

The ministry thanked Prof D Kamarudin for his services to the university.

Born in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on Jan 14, 1968, Prof Taufiq is a professor at



the Faculty of Science at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). He has an undergraduate degree in chemistry and a master's degree from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. He obtained his PhD from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in the United Kingdom in *Heterogeneous Catalysis*.

Prof Taufiq has previously served as a residential college principal and head of its Catalysis Science and Technology Research Centre at UPM.

He was appointed as a fellow in the Royal Society of Chemistry in the UK in 2008.