KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has taken in 19 international students from five countries through its mobility programme for six months.

The students are from Germany, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia and Brunei.

The foreign students are attached to various faculties such as Computing and Informatics, Psychology and Education, Sociology and Natural Resources.

During the period, the students will be guided by a mentor.

Under the mobility programme, 19 UMS students will also be heading to Indonesia with 13 of them to be attached with the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB). The remaining six will be put up with Universitas Mercu Buana Jakarta.

UMS vice chancellor, Prof Datuk Harun Abdullah said the students’ exchange said it would turn UMS into a global university which produces quality education.

"This programme will boost the knowledge, skills and experience of the participating students," he said when launching the programme here yesterday.

Prof Harun added: "UMS would continue taking in international students to enrich the university.

Apart from the exchanged students, UMS has 713 foreign students in the 2016/2017 session."