1,745 UMS graduates receive scrolls

KOTA KINABALU: A total of 1,745 graduates received their scrolls on the second day of the 18th Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) convocation ceremony here yesterday.

They were among the 5,207 graduates produced by UMS in 2016, comprising 50 Doctor of Philosophy graduates, 563 degree graduates, 4,530 bachelor's degree graduates and 62 diploma graduates.

The recipients yesterday were graduates who completed their bachelor's degree in psychology, social work, education, sports science, science, information technology, computer science, international business, international finance, international marketing and Islamic finance.

UMS vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun bin Abdullah in his speech said the top management of UMS was constantly striving to improve its ranking as it served as an indicator to a university's quality in terms of the production of human capital, research, publication or capability to contribute to the community.

He said UMS had achieved many recognitions this year, including four-star rating in Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA), Best Record Management in Public University awarded by the National Archives of Malaysia, within the top 220 best Asian university of QS Asian University Ranking and recognition to its Hemostasis laboratory for meeting the international standard.

Harun said the lecturers and researchers at UMS had also received accolades at national and international levels for their innovations and research.

Some 1,722 graduates will receive their scrolls on the third and final day of the convocation today.

Disabiled graduate praises conducive learning UMS environment

KOTA KINABALU: The conducive learning environment at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has spurred a disabled student to pursue his studies at masters level.

Teoh Jia Long, 23, who obtained a first class honours degree in children and family psychology, said the university had never neglected its students, be they normal or disabled.

"I admit it was difficult for me to adjust myself at first. I was scared and kept crying during the first week.

"But I'm grateful that UMS has always ensured its students whether they are normal or disabled like me, can adapt to the environment here. I'm very happy," he told reporters on the second day of the 18th convocation ceremony here yesterday.

Teoh, who was born with visual impairment due to glaucoma, said UMS was not his first choice when he applied to pursue his studies as he chose to enrol into other universities with good reputation among the disabled students.

The youngest of four siblings from Tanjung Tokong, Penang delivered his speech at the convocation ceremony, making him the first disabled student given the honour to represent other graduates since UMS opened its door.

"I'm just like most students. Frankly speaking, I used to skip classes. In fact, I used to fall asleep in the lecture hall and study at the eleventh hour.

"But I always reminded myself to stay focus on my life goal, namely to help the society to raise good families," said Teoh who spoke fluent Sabah Malay dialect.