FRIDAY, 12 APRIL – The best weapon that a person has is not their physical ability but the strength of their mind which will shape them into someone with great personality and strong mind. Having a strong mind and a great personality will make one resilient. This was said by the Speaker of the Sabah State Legislative Assembly, Datuk Seri Panglima Salleh Tun Said Keruak in his speech at the handing of the Tun Said Keruak Scholarship Award to two recipients of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) postgraduate students.

According to him, as a university student, they are indirectly responsible to assist the surrounding community to be a knowledgeable society that contributes to the peace and robust development of the country.

“Strength should be emphasised to ensure that wholesome development could be successfully implemented,” he further added.

Touching on the setting up of the scholarship, Datuk Seri Salleh said that it was created to enrich efforts in the development of youngsters especially the local ethnics of Sabah. He said, the ethnic diversity and cultural practices are seen to be the bridge that can instill the spirit of unity amongst the community.

“Thus in the context of racial customs in the eyes of the world, this scholarship hopes to assist in producing a high impact research study on ethnic groups of Sabah across the board, and becomes a reference material for researchers all over the world,” said the former Chief Minister of Sabah.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said that the setting up of the Tun Said Keruak Scholarship was a noble move that gave UMS students who were less privileged but were excellent academically, to continue with their education to a higher level. He was thankful that the scholarship was set up and hoped that all recipients would make full use of the grant given.

“I challenge all recipients of this scholarship to use it to produce high impact articles and journal not only to be made a reference material locally but also internationally,” he said.

At the ceremony, Datuk Seri Salleh awarded scholarships to postgraduate student from the School of Art Studies, Amirulnizam Jamaludin and postgraduate student from the School of Social Sciences, Shaiful Huzairi Mohd. Kahil.

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