

Undergrads and Career Carnival 2013 Gives Opportunities to Students to Grab Career Prospects

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MONDAY, 27 MAY – The organising of the Undergrads and Career Carnival 2013 at the Palm Square, Centre Point, Kota Kinabalu on 25-26 May had given exposure and basic training to students in grabbing available career prospects.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said the carnival which was themed ‘Shine and Get Hired’ not only had career exhibitions from over 30 government and private agencies but also interviews by selected agencies.

“Among the targets of the carnival was that at least 60% of UMS students who attended the interviews would be employed by the agencies concerned that conducted the interview. Hence, to all students who attended the carnival, be bold in getting a wider scope of career opportunities,” he stressed. He said this at the opening of the event which was officiated by the Assistant Minister of the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry Datuk Hajjah Azizah Datuk Seri Panglima Hj. Mohd. Dun.

Datuk Azizah in her opening speech said that the carnival was important in channelling useful information especially to women because according to statistics the percentage of working women was only at 40 but the number of female students at institutions of higher learning stood at 60 percent. She said this was because many women do not return to the workforce once they had delivered or had children.

“A forum touching on women and career has also been included in this programme. I hope this would give exposure and attracts women to join the working world. Women’s contributions toward the improvement of the nation’s economy is vital as it would cover 50% of the whole contributions,” she added.

Also present at the event was the Deputy Secretary-General (Strategic) Women, Family and Community Development Ministry, Datuk Harjeet Singh Hardeev Singh; the Director of NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women Malaysia (NIEW), Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Rafiah Salim; and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni) UMS, Assoc. Prof. Datuk Dr. Hj. Kasim Hj. Md. Mansur. - *FL*

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