



Hajiji (second right) being briefed by Taufiq (second left) and entourage on UMS 22nd Convocation.

4,278 UMS graduates to receive scroll

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 4,278 graduates will be receiving their scrolls during the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) 22nd Convocation from March 26 until 31.

Briefing Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji Haji Noor on the convocation ceremony during a courtesy call at Menara Kinabalu near here Tuesday, UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said 2,643 of the graduates are from Sabah.

As for the international students, a total of 134 would be graduating with the largest group from China with 74 students followed by Brunei (21), Timur Leste (10), Indonesia (7), Pakistan (4), Vietnam (4), Bangladesh (3), Egypt (2) and one each from Thailand, Oman, Cambodia, Korea, Tanzania,

Libya, Algeria, Japan and United States of America.

Taufiq also said there would be 67 post graduates receiving their PhD and 287 getting their masters.

He extended the invitation to Hajiji who is UMS Pro-Chancellor to attend the convocation ceremony.

Meanwhile, former Sabah Chief Forest Conservator Datuk Sam Mannan has been appointed Adjunct Professor at UMS Tropical Forestry Faculty.

Mannan received his appointment letter from UMS registrar Luqman Ridha at the university yesterday.

Present to witness the handing over of Mannan's appointment letter were the faculty's Dean Associate Prof Madya Dr Normah Awang Besar @Raffie and the Datuk Kelvin Tan Aik

Pen Forestry Chair Trustee Associate Prof Madya Dr Berhaman Ahmad.

Mormah said Mannan's appointment would greatly benefit UMS and elevate the university to a higher level at the national and international levels.

"As the former Chief Forest Conservator of Sabah, Mannan is a person who is experienced in the field of forestry as well as has an extensive network of external contacts.

"The Faculty feels very lucky and welcomes his presence. I wish him a warm welcome and congratulations on being a member of the UMS Tropical Forestry Faculty," she said when contacted by reporters.

Meanwhile, Mannan thanked UMS for the appointment adding, "with the experience I

have, I intend to work with the university and faculty leadership to bring it forward, especially in the field of forestry.

"I strongly encourage academic staff to continue to add knowledge and experience through participation in training at the international level, for example in New Zealand," he said.

For the record, Mannan was appointed Adjunct Professor of the faculty for two years effective Monday, March 14, 2022.

As an Adjunct Professor, he will be required to deliver public lectures in forestry, be an academic advisor to faculty academics, mentor in research and consultancy, help strengthen UMS' relationship with external organizations and help achieve the faculty's Key Performance Indicators.