

Four main agendas outlined for UMS this year, says Prof DSP Dr. Kamaruzaman Hj Ampon

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice chancellor, Prof Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon has outlined four main agendas this year.

These are academic excellence, enhancing research and innovation, strengthening delivery and administration as well as improving ties with the community and industry.

"Besides gaining knowledge in their respective fields, students must be equipped with the elements of human skills which are communication, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, lifelong learning and

information management," he said.

Dr. Kamaruzaman was speaking when delivering his keynote address at the Chancellery Hall in UMS here yesterday.

He also told the academic staff to prepare their courses well and effectively by diversifying their course presentations.

In this respect, he said, the role of the Centre of Entrepreneurial Research and Development needed to be reviewed because it had the potential to act as a secretariat for activities in developing entrepreneurs.

Although the university enjoyed good relations with the community, he believes there is plenty of room for improvement especially in conducting high impact programmes.

He mentioned the PUPUK Programme by the School of Medicine conducted in Kudat as one such high impact programme.

UMS now has 13 Schools with 10 in Kota Kinabalu, two in Labuan and one in Sandakan.

A total of 64 undergraduate programmes are offered other than postgraduate and research studies.

Since 18 years ago, the uni-



Dr. Kamaruzaman delivering his address at UMS yesterday.

versity has produced 36,500 graduates who obtained bachelor and honours degrees as

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