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5,000 UMS intake by year 2000

KOTA KINABALU: The Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) intake will rise to 5,000 from its present 649 by the year 2000.

Of this, 60 per cent or 3,000 will be from the Science Stream and the rest 2,000 from the Arts.

Among them, 55 per cent are Bumiputra students and 45 per cent non-Bumiputras.

This also make the total of Bumiputra students in the Science Stream 1,650 and 1,350 for non-Bumiputra students.

As for the Arts Stream, the total Bumiputra student intake will be 1,100 while non-Bumiputras 900.

This will put the total expected Bumiputra student population by then at 2,750 while 2,250 non-Bumiputras.

UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr Prof Abu Hassan Othman disclosed this at its Curriculum II Matriculation Workshop Monday.

Among the workshop's goals are, to enhance its matriculation studies syllabus, to evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum and its acceptance by the students.

He said since its inception, three workshops related to the UMS Matriculation Programme

were conducted.

The UMS Matriculation Programme commenced with the Science Matriculation Programme in the 1995/96 session, while for the 1997/98 session, it is the Engineering and Information Technology Matriculation Programme.

Its first intake is 50 persons and they will be placed in the Mara College, Kulim, Kedah.

It was also noted that great emphasis is given towards the manipulation of Information Technology (IT) such as Internet, video-conferencing etc, throughout its teaching process.