

UMS to up medical students intake

KOTA KINABALU: The intake of new medical students into University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will be increased to 70 this year from 40 previously, Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Fu Ah Kiow said.

He said the move was in line with the Ministry's decision to increase the number of medical students to 1,400 within the next five years with an average intake of 200 students annually.

Asked whether UMS would be able to accommodate the increased number of students, he said the Ministry had increased the allocation to improve infrastructure at the university, including in terms of medical equipment and teaching workforce.

Fu said UMS had gained international recognition for its Research and Development (R&D) programme including in bio-diversity.

He added that graduates from UMS did not have much problems in getting jobs, adding that 85 per cent of them were able to secure employment six months after graduation. -Bernama

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