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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) marked a milestone on Friday as 440 students from its Foundation programmes celebrated the completion of their studies at the Majlis Tamat Asasi UMS 2024/2025.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor congratulated the graduates, who comprised 294 from the Science Foundation Programme, 100 from the Information Technology Foundation Programme and 46 from the Agri-Science Foundation Programme.

He described their success as a reflection not only of personal dedication, but also of the guidance and support they received from lecturers,

families, and the broader UMS community.

"This day does not merely mark the end of your foundation programme. It is the beginning of a new chapter, one that will take you to undergraduate studies and beyond," he said.

Dr Kasim highlighted the vital role UMS Foundation programmes play in preparing students for higher education, particularly in science, technology and agriscience.

The Science Foundation Programme, now in its 15th cohort, has nurtured thousands of students since its launch in 2010, while the Information Technology Foundation Programme provides a solid grounding in digital technology, computer

science and data analytics.

The Agri-Science Foundation Programme, introduced this year, is a historic initiative aimed at strengthening the university's focus on agriculture, forestry, and sustainable food systems.

"The achievements of these programmes underline UMS' position as a leading institution in Borneo and as a centre of knowledge supporting Malaysia MADANI's aspirations," he added.

The vice-chancellor urged graduates to prepare for the challenges of the wider world, reminding them that knowledge, resilience, integrity and strong character would be essential for success.

He encouraged them to continue learning with humility, cultivate meaningful relationships, and embrace collaboration as the key to achieving their goals.

"Your foundation year has provided you with a solid base. What you do from here will shape your future and the future of our nation," he said.

Dr Kasim also reaffirmed UMS' commitment to nurturing graduates who are innovative, competitive, and ready to tackle global challenges, while supporting national priorities and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in education, sustainability and technology.