

University holds career carnival for job seekers

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will be organising a three-day career carnival on May 18 to 20 this year.

Deputy vice chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Associate Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Mansur said during a press conference that more than 8,000 job seekers, including students from the local institutes of higher learning as well as secondary school students currently attending Forms Five, are expected to attend the carnival.

"We are inviting students from public and private universities, colleges as well as school students to attend it as they will stand to benefit from knowing the needs of

industries before going into the job market," he said.

He added that 20 institutions representing the various industries have confirmed their participation in the carnival.

They comprise among others Maybank, Sime Darby, Sabah Forest Industries, Angkatan Hebat and Pusat Jobs Malaysia.

Kasim expressed hope for more employers of the industries to join the event.

He explained that the carnival would provide windows of opportunity for a 'meet and match' session between students and potential employers.

"Some employers will have walk-

in interviews during the event, so we are expecting some job seekers to be offered opportunities of employment as well," he said.

On a more serious note, Kasim expressed the opinion that the State does not lack employment opportunities.

"If it lacks jobs, then why is it that we have a huge number of foreigners coming into the State in search of work?" he questioned.

He added that employment opportunities in the plantation sector offered lucrative salaries to graduates and a graduate of the university he recently met is earning RM6,000 a month working in an oil palm plantation.



Dr Kasim