



Kasim (second from right) having a chat with a company representative during his visit to the exhibition booths.

Adapt to growing competition for jobs, grads told

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KOTA KINABALU: Job offers are limited in comparison to the increasing number of graduates seeking employment in the market, thus causing many to remain unemployed for months or even years.

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Assoc. Prof. Datuk Dr Kasim Mansur raised this dilemma in the employment scene today.

He advised graduates to adapt to the increased competition among thousands of graduates looking for employment and the high demand set by various employers when looking for potential employees.

"It's therefore essential for graduates to equip themselves with excellent academic results, be multi-skilled, supported with soft skills and the ability to converse more than two languages apart from their mother tongue," he said.

He said this during the launching of the

three-day National Career Carnival Programme 2012, which kicked off at the UMS Lecture Hall here, Friday.

The event themed "Enhance Your Talents, Achieve Your Dreams" was organised by UMS and supported by various agencies namely Sabah Forest Industries, Angkatan Hebat, Sabah Softwoods Hybrid Fertiliser and JobsMalaysia, among others.

The programme was held in view of the numerous challenges and stiff competition faced by graduates, with the objective of acting as a platform for them to find work opportunities offered by the participating agencies.

He urged graduates to take full advantage of the numerous opportunities and information offered throughout the event.

Meanwhile, event organising chairperson, Darwis Awang who is also head of the Student Affairs Department said this was the third such carnival organised by them, the first in 2004 and that this year they target 8,000 visitors.