

MIC wants more UMS intake of Indian students

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LABUAN: MIC here wants Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to increase its intake of Labuan students in Kota Kinabalu and its two campuses in Sandakan and Labuan.

Its Chairman, Ramasamy Rengasamy, said presently UMS has about 12,000 undergraduates in Kota Kinabalu, 2,011 in Labuan and also at Sandakan, "but there is only a small percentage of Indians, with about 400 in Kota Kinabalu and 130 in Labuan."

He said he was appreciative of the opportunities provided by UMS to Indians but hoped it could do more.

Presently, UMS is processing the intake for September this year and many Indians had applied for a place.

"Considering that many Indian students come from not well-to-do families, UMS should also consider acceptance of Indian

students who have borderline qualifications for entry," said Ramasamy.

He said normally, UMS, like any other universities, would place priority on students who have obtained excellent results in matriculation or STPM.

He pointed out that there were not sufficient students with such level of achievement to fill up all the places in the university, adding those rejected could appeal for the vacant places.

"It is at this point that we hope UMS would provide Indian students more opportunities, of course, without depriving others worthy."

Ramasamy noted that he found the UMS Labuan International Campus particularly cooperative and showing an understanding when such matters were brought to its attention.