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He said this following complaints raised by students during the leaders' engagement session where he was invited to talk in conjunction with the university's Minggu Suai Mesra for the 2026/2027 session, Tuesday.

"I understand that the water issue has been among the challenges faced by UMS for several years now. As a Federal Cabinet member who is also from Sabah, this has become an issue close to my heart.

"I will use the platform available to discuss with the relevant ministers and raise it at the Cabinet level, in the hope that action can be taken soon as possible to rectify problem," he said.

On the programme, Arthur said the session allowed him to meet undergraduates who represent the country's future leadership, even as they faced a challenging period shaped by rapid technological change.

The programme was attended by some 4,200 newly registered students and moderated by Institute for Development Studies Chief Executive Officer Datuk Ts Dr Ramzah Dambul.

"With the growth of new technologies such as artificial intelligence, the Industrial Revolution, automation and so on, it means the jobs today's students are interested in may not exist anymore or may change significantly in scope by the time they leave university in five or six years," Arthur said.

He said students therefore need to prepare now for the job market they will enter years down the road, not the one that exists today.

Additionally, he said the programme gave him the chance to share his own experience, direction and the challenges under his Ministry, in the hope that this would help undergraduates plan while still at university.



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