

# VC: UMS committed to producing quality grads

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KOTA KINABALU: The Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) School of Engineering and Information Technology (SKTM) has been urged to continue stepping up its effort to produce more high quality graduates.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon, said this is in line with the university's commitment to provide skilled manpower to meet the growing needs of the local and international markets.

He said a study conducted by the Higher Education Ministry in 2010 showed some of the SKTM fresh graduates have found employment in international firms based in Singapore, Dubai and Hong Kong.

Apart from that, he said the study also found that 40.9-81.3 per cent of the SKTM graduates were employed three months after their graduation.

A follow-up study conducted found out that 80-94.5 per cent of the SKTM graduates were employed six months after their graduation, he said, adding that UMS is committed to produce high quality graduates for the local and international manpower market.

Speaking when launching a SKTM book titled "Strategic Planning Beyond 2020: Reinforcing the Foundation of School of Engineering & Information Technology" at the school here Monday, Dr Kamaruzaman said the book was timely with the university's effort to continue becoming one of the top universities in the country and region.

He said the university has so far achieved more than 100 awards at the international and national levels, which has not only increased the university's image but also encouraged its researchers to strive harder for more innovative works.