

UMS offers more than 5,000 places for 2012/2013 academic session

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KOTA KINABALU: More than 5,000 study placements are offered by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in the new academic year for 2012/2013.

Its vice chancellor Prof Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said there would be an increase of placements in the new academic year compared to the last with 4,606 spots.

"As of Friday, we have 4,140 students registered with us," he said adding that this year, UMS has introduced online registration which is more efficient.

"This is an improvement by the university in managing new students," he said.

According to him, UMS is aware that students who are from rural areas may have difficulties in hooking on the internet and as such, the university gave them between one and two weeks to register themselves.

Dr Mohd Harun told reporters yesterday that some 55 per cent of the new students are from the arts stream and the rest from science.

"We hope to achieve the number of science students by more than 50 per cent," he said adding that UMS

was confident of making the target with the setting up of its Science Centre.

As for foreign students, he said four per cent or 180 students are from overseas who are pursuing economics and business studies.

"Most of them are from China with 160 followed by Korea, Indonesia, Turkey and Brunei," he said.

He added that the number of foreign students has also increased by seven per cent compared to last year.

Dr Mohd Harun said some 40 per cent of the new students are from Sabah.

First and second year students are required to stay in the campus and the university will continue to give better facilities for students in the future, he said.



Dr Mohd Harun (seated centre) at the press conference