



Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman (front, third right) who is also UMS Pro chancellor together with UMS vice chancellor Prof Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah (front, third left), UMS Board of Directors chairman Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egeh (front, second right) and other invited guests in a group photo with the new UMS undergraduates after the ceremony yesterday.

Don't waste time in non-beneficial activities, Musa tells students

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KOTA KINABALU: Students of institutes of higher learning in the state should not waste their time indulging in activities that do not benefit them, advised Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman.

Musa who is also pro-chancellor of University Sabah Malaysia (UMS), urged the students to instead focus their attention on their study.

When addressing freshies of UMS yesterday, he advised them to wisely maximise the opportunity given to them to further their study.

"Use this opportunity to focus on the courses you are taking and do not be influenced by anything that is irrelevant to your duty and responsibility as a student of a tertiary institute.

"Higher learning institutes such as UMS is the place where we educate open-minded and matured people so I hope that you will utilise to the full the opportunity of being undergraduates and to get as much knowledge and experience," Musa stressed.

"The Barisan Nasional

government, both state and federal, will always support UMS in its effort to produce students of excellence," he said, adding that he was informed by vice chancellor Professor Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah that UMS will set up its own university hospital soon.

Meanwhile when asked to comment on the involvement in anti-government activities by youths in Peninsular Malaysia, Musa was quick to point out that it was neither a Malaysian nor a Sabahan culture.

"We must not be 'kurang ajar' (uncouth) or 'biadap' (rude) towards our leaders whom we should show respect to. In fact, we must be grateful to the country's leaders, especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who is concerned about the welfare of the people," he said.

Musa pointed out that the country's premier has introduced various programmes, projects and policies aimed at giving assistance and to help the people to have a better life. The younger generation must constantly be aware and appreciative of what the government

has implemented, he said.

Musa was commenting on the behaviour of certain people who stepped on the pictures of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor at the "Janji Bersih" illegal assembly held at Dataran Merdeka in the federal capital on the eve of Independence Day.

Earlier, Musa stressed that the state government will continue to be committed and work with the federal Government towards the betterment of standard as well as development of the country's higher education.

He pointed out that since UMS was set up in Sabah, the state's development and progress has moved in tandem to ensure the economic and social needs of students are met.

"The positive impact has also added value towards improvement of the living standard as well as economic level of the local community. In other words, UMS has generated transformation and development in Sabah in such a short span of time," Musa said.