

UMS remains favourite among China students

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) remains a favourite university among students from China seeking overseas higher education, according to Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Professor Dr Shariff Abd Kadir S. Omang Al-Haj.

This is because they are confident in the high safety level in Sabah, Dr Shariff told a press conference after witnessing the graduation ceremony of UMS Link Centre for Professional Development (UCPD) yesterday.

The ceremony saw 166 students from China, Korea and Turkey graduating from UCPD's International Students Foundation Programme (ISFP) and 23 from its Executive Diploma Programme.

According to Dr Shariff, Sabah's tourism attractions are also one reason why parents from China send their children here as they get to visit the state at the same time.

"Further education in Sabah is also cheaper," he said, adding that the ISFP is a foundation programme that is equivalent to IELTS (International English Language Test Service) and

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and therefore is recognized by other international universities.

He said students from China make up the highest number of foreign undergraduates at UMS and most are taking courses in business management and accounting.

He added that UMS is now expanding its programme for international students and is looking at ways to attract those from eastern Europe, the Middle East, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Earlier, Dr Shariff delivered UMS Vice Chancellor Professor



Dr Shariff presenting ISFP batch 19's Best Student Joanna Zhou Yang with her certificate, witnessed by UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd Group chairman Datuk KY Mustafa.

Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah's speech in which the latter reminded the graduates that their past must be transformed into a better future.

"I urge all of you to continue applying the secret of your academic success to design the best standard of your future.

"To some of you and in

particular the ISFP students, you may pursue your four-year undergraduate or two-year postgraduate studies here at UMS," he said.