



Mohd Harun

Corporate sector help sought in UMS research

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Datuk Mohd Harun Abdullah urged companies and the university's alumni to join hands in helping to upgrade its research and development ventures.

"As we all know, conducting and managing research needs big capital injection and our researchers should be assisted with large funds. Without funds, do not talk about research, it is nothing but an illusion in this academic world," said Harun during the UMS 14th Convocation Dinner at Pan Pacific Ballroom, here.

Also present were Head of State and UMS Chancellor Tun Juhar Mahiruddin and his wife Toh Puan Norlidah Datuk R.M. Jasni.

Harun said he believes Japan and South Korea are more innovative because giant corporate companies in their respective countries contribute large sums of money to fund universities' researches there.

Therefore, Harun said, he hopes that the UMS alumni who have good networking with any international corporate giants will help the university in increasing the research and innovative funds at all times.

"I will personally be the medium between the university

and the companies so that our efforts to increase our research and innovative funds will be realised," he said.

Harun also said that on Sept 27, the Ministry of Higher Education has given recognition to UMS Borneo Marine Research Institute as having the potential to become a Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HicoE).

There are currently less than ten HicoE in the country at the moment. It is an initiative by the Ministry of Higher Education established with the aim to drive Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to stay competitive in the various fields of research, expertise and services both at the national and international level.

As many as 4,336 students from various fields of studies are graduating from the university this year. The university also conferred seven awards to students who excelled academically.

The students are Daisy Wendy Pau and Nur Thara Atikah Zainal (Royal Education Awards), Ng Chee Guan (Chancellor Gold Medal), Azhar Awan Ali (Vice Chancellor Gold Medal), Pricynthia Neshia A/P Selvaraja (Alumni Gold Medal), Rosli Siki (Zainal Abidin Bador Award) and Catherine Tan Yien Ping (Off-Campus Studies Award).

All awards were handed over by the Chancellor.