

# 32,448 UMS grads since 1999: V-C



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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Brig. Gen. Prof. Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said UMS has produced a total of 27,833 graduates since 1999 to 2009 and they have become part of the human capital for the nation's development.

For this year, he said the university produced 4,615, which added to the total graduates of UMS now at 32,448.

Dr Kamaruzaman said several projects in the university that are rapidly developing are the "Post Graduate Centre" and School of Medicine Building.

In another sector, he said, UMS will continue to focus on innovation and research field as one of its Key Performance Index (KPI) in order to be a research university in future.

He also reminded the graduates to be ever ready in facing challenges and demand for competitiveness in the global level nowadays. "Achieving excellent academically does not necessarily mean that you will continuously be excellent after leaving the higher learning institutions.

"The career challenges in working places is the reality of life which is more challenging and tough. So, I hope the graduates are ready to face whatever challenges that come and be resilient," Dr Kamaruzaman said at the 12th UMS Convocation at its Chancellery Hall.

Chief Minister of Sabah Datuk Seri Musa Aman presented scrolls of various disciplines to 678 graduates.

The 12th UMS Convocation began on Saturday and the last session would end today (Monday).