NST 23-11-15 UMS on par with ASEAN universities

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has made great strides in various fields at both national and international levels over the two decades of its existence.

Vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said the university achieved success from many initiatives to attain the desired dream.

In the QS Asian University Rankings, UMS continues to rise and is ranked ninth this year.

"Congratulations and thanks to the

excellence of UMS who managed to put the university on par with its counterparts in ASEAN and signed hundreds of memorandums of understanding (MOU) at the global level," he said in his speech at the university's 17th convocation held at the Chancellory Hall here yesterday.

Mohd Harun said UMS received outstanding recognition (Tier 5) through the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (SETARA) in 2013 compared with Tier 4 in 2011 and 2009. UMS was also awarded Best Career Development Centre 2015 through the GTI Media survey in addition to gaining two platinum and four gold awards at the British Invention Show in the United Kingdom recently.

"In this context, UMS remains competitive with the leading universities in the world and has proven that it is the right choice for students in the country," he said. At the final event yesterday, a total of 5,083 graduates were awarded degrees in various fields. - By NOOR EVIANA DATU MAZINAL