

Raise personal self-esteem and knowledge – Graduates urged

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Kamaruzaman Ampon has urged graduates to strive to improve their self-esteem and knowledge to meet future challenges.

He said the graduates have gone through many challenges and trials during their period of study at the UMS and hope the challenge will make them more mature in terms of assessing the true meaning of life.

"Graduates should be confident in the capabilities and skills that they have been obtained. Self-confidence is important in facing the more severe challenges than what was experienced at the university," he said.

He was speaking at the 2011 UMS Graduates Awards Ceremony (MPG) Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) held at Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu recently. The text of

his speech was read out Director of UMS-KAL, Prof Dr. Shariff Abdul Kadir Omang.

Dr. Kamaruzaman said UMS-KAL has received an allocation of RM24 million under the Tenth Malaysia Plan (10MP) to build a lecture hall and a library center which is expected to be completed within two years.

At the ceremony, a student of Economics and Finance program at the School of International Business and Finance Authority (SPKAL) UMS-KAL, Samantha Lee, 23, emerged as the overall best student to win the Gold Medal Award valued at RM4,000 and a plaque of appreciation.

Two other students of SPKAL, Rene Looi and Lai Wai Yen, each won Silver and Bronze Medals worth RM3,000 and RM2,000 respectively and a plaque of appreciation.

Lab Assistant of Labuan Informatics Science School (SSL), Ezy @ Norul Atikah Sabtu won the Best Student Off Campus Centre UMS

(PLUMS).

A total of 41 students received the Best Student Award based on course taken, Best Student Award by subject discipline, Final Year Project Award, Book Award and the Best Student Award Program.

Also present at the ceremony were Senior Manager, Audit Risk Management Department, Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA), Mohammed Mohd Yunos Akbal representing Labuan FSA Director General, Ahmad Hizzad Baharuddin, Manager Capability and Administration Section Petronas Methanol Labuan, M Nor Wab, Acting Dean SPKAL Associate Prof Dr. Norazah Mohd Suki, Dean SSIL, Dr Ag Asri Ag Ibrahim and Deputy Registrar UMS-KAL, Kamisah Husin.

Meanwhile, Dr. Shariff thanked the Labuan FSA, which had made a cash donation of RM10,000 and other sponsors who provided support and contribution to the success of the Graduate Awards Ceremony 2011.



Samantha (4th right), Looi Rene (right) and Lai Wai Yen (3rd left) with Prof Dr. Shariff (3rd right), Mohd Akbal (2nd left), M Nor (4th left), Dr. Norazah (2nd right) and Dr. Ag Asri (left) at the 2011 UMS-KAL Graduate Awards Ceremony.