

UMS strives to increase number of students in Science, Technology

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) strives to increase the number of students in science and technology in line with the development of science and technology worldwide.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah said the university expected as many as 60 per cent of first-time undergraduates will pursue science and technology courses.

"I believe with the addition of more science and technology students each year, we can achieve the aspiration to become a developed country that emphasises on a literate society with a culture for science in every dimension of life.

"Therefore, I urge students to continue cultivating an interest in science and technology and to be committed in becoming part of the driving force that achieves national goals.

"Prove to the world that students are also contributors to the development of science and technology not only in Malaysia but throughout the world," he said.

Dr. Mohd Harun said this in his speech at the 5th presentation of the Foundation Course in Science Certificates at the Recital Hall of UMS here yesterday.

The speech was delivered by the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Alumni, Associate Prof. Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali. A total of 310 received the Foundation Course in Science Certificate.

Mohd Harun said the field of science and technology in Malaysia was rapidly advancing in leaps and bounds.

Therefore, the government made every effort to emphasise on science and technology and which has now been producing encouraging results.

"The government continues to give commitment in making sure science and technology ad-



Dr. Ismail (centre) presents the Foundation Course in Science Certificate to a student. Dr. Sazmal Effendi is at left and Dg Rukiah is second from right.

vance in this country by providing adequate funding for research and development.

"The government is aware that in order to be a competitive nation, it requires a great deal of highly skilled human resource. That is why UMS is also working to increase the number of students in science and technology," he said.

Mohd Harun told students not only to excel in the academics but also to have quality personalities and to interact well with society.

Also present were the Director of the Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Arshad Sazmal Effendi and Chief Librarian for UMS, Dg Rukiah Amit Ag.

Some of the UMS students who received their Foundation Course in Science Certificate at the ceremony.

