

# More than 85 per cent of UMS graduates successfully secured jobs

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KOTA KINABALU: A review on the students who graduated from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in 2010 showed that some 86.2% had secured jobs.

Its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Kamaruzaman Ampon, said the record was based on the peer review conducted by the Higher Education Ministry through the Programme Management Office on Sept 28-29.

"The excellence academic achievement and improvement of the UMS graduates on soft skills level and their employability in the ever demanding employment market is something that we should be proud of," he said.

Dr. Kamaruzaman was speaking during the afternoon session of 13th UMS convocation ceremony at the

Chancellor Hall here yesterday, where graduates received their scrolls from Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of UMS.

In line with the transformation programme based on research and innovation initiated by the Prime Minister, the vice-chancellor said UMS staff should take up the challenge with responsibility and sincerity in making Malaysia a high-income developed country by 2010.

"So I want to urge all citizens, especially UMS academicians to enhance their efforts and unite our goals to realize the transformation of the country in making UMS a store of knowledge that is relevant, consulted and respected on the world map," called Dr. Kamaruzaman.

The achievement of the UMS academic staff in research are measured by the

number of research grant awards, the amount of the final reports completed and the amount of research based on the publications of high impact innovations, whether at the national and international produced, he stated.

In 2010, he said UMS acquired 129 research grants with a total fund of RM8.6 million, while until July 2011; UMS obtained 29 research grants with a cumulative fund of RM2.6 million.

"This achievement shows that the competitive and quality research culture in UMS is blossoming. In the field of publications which started from 2004 to 2010, more than 70 various high impact research works were published," he disclosed.

To make sure UMS gained recognition in national and international level, Dr. Kamaruzaman said, academia collaboration, research and in-



Chong Pui Lai, winner of the Royal Student Award.

novation had been actively implemented since the early establishment of UMS through the internationalization activities.

To date, he said, 139 MoUs/MoAs had been signed with foreign institutions of higher learning.

Of the total, he said 22 are active MoUs for the



Twin sisters, Sharifah Rozhiah and Sharifah Rodhiah.

2011-2015 periods involving the collaboration on various disciplines in academic, research and student with renowned institutions from United Kingdom, Australia, Palestine, France, Indonesia, the Philippines, Germany, Japan, Poland and Korea.

To the graduates, he has the following advice, "I would like to remind, in making the selection (of employment), use reasonable and rational consideration based on the knowledge and skills learned all this while so that you will not make a mistake in the decision."