

86% of UMS graduates employed, says VC

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has moved a step forward for successfully achieving its Key Performance Indicator (KPI) by producing 86.2 per cent employable graduates last year.

Its Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said that the data was obtained from the Tracer Ministry of Higher Education.

The result is obtained following a research on graduates after six months upon completing their education.

"They found that 55 per cent of the graduates obtained employment. However, after a further research UMS discovered that the actual percentage was 86.2 per cent," he said in his speech during the 13th UMS Convocation Ceremony yesterday.

Chief Minister, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of UMS, Datuk Seri Musa Aman, was the guest-of-honour of the event. He presented scrolls to the graduates.

Kamaruzaman added that the Higher Education Ministry has also recognised the method used by UMS in tracing the progress of its graduates as the best among other higher learning institutions.

"We are equally proud with the graduates' performance as there has been an increase which will also affect the employability of the ex-UMS students," he said.

He added that a total of 72 graduates finished with First Class Honours. A total of 4,408 graduates received their scrolls in the ceremony.

For the first time, he said, UMS also produced 60 diploma holders.



UMS graduates Sharifah Rozliah Syed Mohamad (left) and her twin sister Sharifah Rodliah Syed Mohamad all smiles at the 13th UMS Convocation yesterday. - Bernama photo