

Use knowledge for nation's gain, UMS VC tells graduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor, Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon urged graduates to make full use of their academic knowledge for the benefit of the nation.

"Use your knowledge in a proactive, creative and innovative way to achieve the vision, mission, objectives, purpose and function which is in line with the 'Knowledgeable and Innovated Society towards Transformation Success' theme this year.

He said this during the '5th Town and Gown Parade' organised by UMS in collaboration with City Hall.

The procession comprising 66 graduates, UMS Reserve Officers Training Team (PALAPES), UMS Student Volunteer Police, PALAPES Air and the Civil Defence Students proceeded from the Kota Kinabalu Community Hall, at Jalan Pantai all the way to City Hall's compound.

"This parade is held ahead of UMS' 13th convocation of some 4,481 students from various education levels in 64 academic programmes.

"This year's convocation also marks our inaugural graduation of 36 Diploma in Nursing students and 23 Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology students under the School of Medicine as well as our official new School of Sustainable Agriculture campus in Sandakan."

He also congratulated City Hall under the

leadership of Datuk Abidin Madingkir for upholding the tradition, which was initiated by UMS Board Chairman Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egoh in 2007.

"We have implemented numerous efforts and initiatives such as the rubbish-free campus campaign and the minimal plastic usage campaign in support of City Hall.

Meanwhile, Madingkir said the annual event recognises mastery of knowledge and technology, in line with development through unity.

"As a government agency, City Hall is very confident in the ability of UMS as a leading research and innovation institution in Sabah, to realise the vision and mission of the government to produce knowledge and innovative communities."

Madingkir also presented the 66 graduates who took part in the parade with the 'key to the city' as a symbol of recognition.

Apart from that, a book titled 'Majlis Perarakan Berjubah Graduan Bandar Raya' by UMS School of Sustainable Agriculture Dean Dr. Mahmud Sudin was also launched during the event to commemorate the beginning of the parade in 2007.

Also present were, UMS Board of Directors Chairman Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egoh, City Hall Director General Datuk Yeo Boon Hai and Associate Professor Dr. Kasim Mansur, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) UMS.



The students during the parade.