

UMS enrolment edges up, with 47% from Sabah

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) undergraduate enrolment increased by more than 0.7% in the recent session yesterday.

Its vice chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah, said the 2015/2016 session saw 4,481 enrolment and it increased to 4,579 in the 2016/2017 session.

“Out of that number, 2,107 students, which is 47%, are from Sabah, while 52% are students from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak, which is 1,927 and 377 students respectively,” he disclosed.

“The remainder are the 168 international students, covering several countries including China, France, Germany, South Africa, Thailand, Indonesia, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Jordan, Korea, Vanuata and Timor Leste. The total is an increase of 30 students compared to last year.

“The breakdown by gender shows female students were ahead with a percentage of 71% compared to 29% of male students. An increasing number of females,”



UMS vice chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah (third left) witnessing a student officially enrolling into the university during his walkabout there yesterday.

he added, during his walkabout at the new UMS students admission 2016/2017 session at the university here yesterday.

Some 13 students with disabilities were also offered a place in the university and UMS also set aside 100 placements for Sabah students registered under

UMS' Bottom 40% Household Category (B40).

“This corporate social responsibility (CSR) program is our fourth and we will continue to provide assistance to ensure they meet the minimum requirements set by UPU (Central University Unit),” affirmed Harun.