



Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman attended the oath-taking ceremony of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) at the university's main campus in Kota Kinabalu yesterday. Musa is also the Pro-Chancellor of UMS. Also present were UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah and the university's board members – report on page 2

Govt committed to devt of education

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KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah government will remain committed to efforts towards the development and enhancement of education following the successful economic transformation that Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has generated for the State.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman said ever since UMS was established in 1994, the rate of development and progress in Sabah moved alongside to cater to the economic and social needs of its students.

"Its positive implications have added value and lifted the standard of living and economy of communities. In short, UMS has generated a rapid transformation in development in Sabah," he said.

Further, in line with the Ministry of Education's vision of turning Malaysia into a centre of excellence for higher education in South East Asia by 2020, the government has since created a prime environment for higher education and produced graduates who

are viable, innovative and of moral standing in order to meet the needs of the country.

Musa who is also the pro-chancellor of UMS is speaking at a pledge and oath ceremony of new students for the 2016/2017 session at the university's chancellery hall on Thursday.

Meanwhile, in his message to the new intake of students, Musa reminded them to be independent in their quest for knowledge and to be constantly prepared and diligent in their academic work.

"Students should no longer be the way they were in school. In a university, everyone must be prepared and be able to act fast.

"In a university, if one is lazy, then you will fall far behind your mates," he said.

He also told them to set goals, especially to graduate within the timeframe that had been set for them.

"If we have clear objectives and directions, it would not be impossible to achieve all our dreams. My advice is for you to work hard, always be in pursuit of knowledge and to love knowledge.

"However, knowledge alone would not be enough

without the accompaniment of moral standing, religious faith, ethics and good mental and physical health," he added.

As future leaders of the country, Musa said they should not only study hard but also participate in community work and activities conducted by the university.

"There is no point in just having knowledge and high education without contributing to society. That is the obligation undergraduates have not only for themselves and their families but for UMS and the country too," he added.



Musa (right) witnessing the new intake of UMS students taking their oath



Some of the new students of UMS for the 2016/2017 session