

UMS striving to increase science and technology undergraduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is striving to increase the number of undergraduates for science and technology courses.

Vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said the university expected that up to 60 per cent of undergraduates would take up science courses.

"I believe through the growing number of science and technology graduates every year, our country's aspiration to become a high-income nation which emphasizes on creating a literate society and incorporating science in every dimension of our lives will be achieved."

Harun mentioned this in his speech, which was delivered by



Kamarudin (second left) presenting certificates to a student who has completed the Science Foundation course. On the left is Sazmal.

deputy vice chancellor (academic and international), Professor Dr

D Kamarudin D. Mudin, at the sixth certificate presentation

ceremony for 295 students who completed the Science Foundation course under the Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology (PPST), at UMS here yesterday.

Harun said the government had shown its continuous commitment in developing the science and technology field by providing reasonable research and development grants.

"The government realizes that becoming a highly competitive nation requires technological expertise who are creative and innovative. Hence, I urge students to pursue your interest in science and technology and be part of the drivers to achieve our national goals."

Meanwhile, PPST director

Associate Professor Dr Sazmal Effendi Arshad said a total of 1,202 students have completed the Science Foundation course at the centre since the first intake in 2010/2011, who then went on to enroll in bachelor degree courses at UMS.

"We are confident that with the support from the university, PPST will be able to achieve a higher number in preparing students for science and technology courses. PPST is highly committed to producing students who will continue their studies in science and technology, in line with the present and future needs of our country."