



UMS welcomes 45 new international students from China who enrolled for the IEPP.

Graduates with English skills has the edge in current job market

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KOTA KINABALU: Graduates who have knowledge and skills in communicating in English have the edge to gain employment in today's job market.

This is because English is the most widely spoken language in the world for business and industry, said Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Investment Holdings Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Ramlan Awang Ali.

"The advancement of the internet and communication technology has resulted in the need to effectively communicate in English," he said

when welcoming 45 new international students from China to UMS yesterday.

They enrolled for the UMS Link Centre for Professional Development's (UCPD) intensive English preparatory programme (IEPP).

"Once you are confident communicating in English, you will be able to go even further in your future career. In my view, that is also part of academic excellence. So, continue learning wherever and whenever you can," advised Ramlan.

He said the ability to communicate with others, work under pressure and in teams, organised their time well and

meet deadlines are among the key ingredients to be successful in landing a job.

According to him, the IEPP was introduced in 2003 to assist international students who do not have the basic English entry requirement to pursue their studies in bachelor's and master degree programmes at UMS.

UMS vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah encouraged the students to communicate proficiently in English so that they can play a better role as global citizen.

He also urged the students to strive for excellence in their studies and practice what they

have learned to gain better achievement.

"Mingle with other students, this will help you to learn more about the people, their cultures and at the same time improve your skills, knowledge and understanding. By applying English, I'm sure you will feel more confident and motivated to learn more things," he said in his speech read by deputy vice chancellor Prof Dr Kamarudin Mudin.

He also hoped the students will share your home cultures with their classmates as well as develop strong friendship and learn from each other with the locals here.