



Kamarudin (seated, third right) and Ramlan (seated, third left) together with teaching staff, students and parents during the registration of the 29th Intensive English Preparatory Programme (IEPP) intake.

45 international students join UMS Intensive English Preparatory Program

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) welcomed 45 new international students who registered for the 29th intake of the Intensive English Preparatory Programme (IEPP), an initiative by UMS Investment Holdings Sdn Bhd.

Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, said that upon successfully completing the four-month course, students would be free to pursue a Bachelor's Degree of their choice at the university.

From there, they will also be able to further their studies to obtain a Master's Degree or even to a Doctorate level.

In his opening address, Harun also said that the future awaiting the 29th IEPP batch at UMS was more internationalised than any previous generations, owing to the culturally diverse student population.

"We have international students from Japan, China, Indonesia and South Korea, just to name a few.

"This is the time for our new students to embrace a wider, richer, more global and multicultural view and regardless of where you come from, you all share a common destiny of an internationalised future.

"Embrace differences and be open to them, stay true to what is right and prepare yourselves to be global citizens," he said.

However, his speech was delivered by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Professor Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin.

The IEPP students were also reminded to mingle with students from other walks of life, instead of being confined to classmates and friends from their own country.

The multicultural experience would hopefully provide new insights and opportunities for learning, in pursuit of an intellectually and culturally rewarding experience, Harun added. Also present at yesterday's registration was Chief Executive Officer of UMS Investment Holdings Sdn Bhd, Ramlan Awang Ali.