

# UMS produces 5,207 graduates this year

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) produced another 5,207 graduates in 2016.

Vice chancellor of the 22-year-old university Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said UMS welcomed 50 Doctor of Philosophy graduates, 563 degree graduates, 4,530 bachelor's degree graduates and 62 diploma graduates from various disciplines.

This included an Honorary Master of Arts (Security and Public Order) degree, which was awarded to Sabah commissioner of police Datuk Abdul Rashid Harun, and an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy (Aquaculture) to Kindai University President Prof Dr Hitoshi Shiozaki, he said during the UMS 18th convocation ceremony which was graced by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Aman here, yesterday.

UMS also welcomed its first 67 graduates from a special intake of the Bottom 40% (B40) Household Category, through its MENITI 'UMS Realizing the Dream of Natives' program this year.

In addition, there were 126 international graduates from its postgraduate (eight), undergraduate (94), Oil and Gas diploma (20) and UMS Centre for External Education or PLUMS (four) programs out of the total 2016 graduates.

During the ceremony Harun also reiterated UMS' commitment to increasing the quality of the university, which will equate in the improvement of its ranking.

In 2016 alone, the university received recognition and acquired achievements that included a four-star rating in the Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA), Best Management Record Award for public university level from the National Archives, and is among Asia's 220 group of best universities in QS Asian University Training.