

Tangau: UMS can offer entrepreneurial courses

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KOTA KINABALU: The Trade and Industry Ministry welcomes cooperation with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to create entrepreneurship courses in the institution.



Its Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau (pic) said this is part of the efforts to produce more graduates who can be job creators, instead of purely being job seekers.

"Perhaps the university can offer degree or master's degree courses in entrepreneurship, and the ministry welcomes such courses," he said when officiating UMS' Christmas celebration, here, Saturday.

"Apart from that, higher learning institutions should also put emphasis on the employability of graduates."

Tangau who is also Deputy Chief Minister said it is important for graduates to have critical thinking mind set.

"Students should be given the freedom to air their views and higher learning institutions should be able to produce more graduates with critical thinking skills.

"It would be a waste if they produce a generation of graduates who cannot think," he said.

He commended UMS as such freedom is not only celebrated but also practised, as evident in activities organised by students themselves.

"Organising events like the Christmas celebration can further polished the students' leadership skills.

"Leadership is a very important aspect in life and it is a rare gem to be unearthed by the students.

"Students should always be given the freedom and space to host activities in campus as they can learn to take responsibilities."

Meanwhile, UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamaruddin D Mudin said this is the seventh edition of the Christmas celebration in the university.

"The event is participated by students regardless of race and religion in the campus.

"Such programmes symbolise the spirit of harmony and unity among the undergraduates of UMS," he said.

He also said the university will continue to support such events with the hope they could instil good values among the students.