

UMS – More than 66,000 graduates since it began in 1994

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has produced 66,548 graduates at various levels of studies and in all fields since it was set up on Nov 24, 1994.

Its vice-chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin said of these, 56,187 were first degree holders, 4,412 masters and 302 doctorate holders, while the rest were diploma graduates.

He said the university's alumni included 28,432 Sabah-born graduates while the current student population was 18,255.

“As a comprehensive public university, we now have 10 science and non-science faculties. These include the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, and the Faculty of Sustainable Agriculture.

“Other faculties are the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Faculty of Psychology and Education, and the Faculty of Computing and Informatics,” he told Bernama.

Kamarudin said the university offered studies in 64 fields from the diploma to doctorate levels, and it also had three research institutes, namely the Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation, the Institute of Borneo Marine Research, and the Institute of Biotechnology Research.

He said UMS' niche areas were marine science, biodiversity science and agriculture, which were in line not just with recommendations from the Ministry of Higher Education but also with the Sabah state government.

“UMS alumni are currently serving in various sectors including the public service, private sector as well as conducting their own businesses,” he said. –Bernama