



Some of the graduates during the graduation ceremony. -Picture by Hazman Yaplin

'Grads must strengthen personality' call

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KOTA KINABALU: Graduates need to strengthen their personality so they are always ready to carry out physical transformation and mind.

Head of State Tun Juhar Mahiruddin (pic) said with strong personality and have pure values, they will be human capital with integrity and become productive leaders in future.

He added that graduates also need to embrace the true meaning of integrity so that the understanding will build a beneficial person to the family and the country as well.

"Even though the era is now full of challenges and demands, your high commitment and personal qualities are the reflection that you are the leader of the nation's future leadership.

"I believed graduates in front of me today will be the great leaders and successful figures in future," he said in his keynote address at the 19th UMS Convocation at its Chancellery Hall, Saturday.

Juhar also added that UMS graduates not only stand out academically but can become competitive individuals and have high quality of self.

A total of 5,313 students will be receiving their Diploma, Bachelor Degree, Master's and Doctor of Philosophy Degree at



the convocation ceremony which held three days starting Saturday.

Hundred-twenty eight of the graduates are international students from 16 countries while the remaining are locals including 2,760 from the State.

Fifty-nine will receive the Doctor of Philosophy, 578 Master's degree, 46 Diploma and the rest receive Bachelor's degree.

During the first day of graduation ceremony, Juhar who is also UMS Chancellor presented the Doctor of Philosophy Honorary Degree to respected figures Tan Sri Abdul Ghani Gilong who contributed a lot in planning the economic development in the State.

In the first session of graduation, Juhar presented scrolls to 732 graduates and the second session which took place in the afternoon saw a total of 715 graduates received their scrolls from UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin.

The convocation ceremony will continue tomorrow with involving 933 graduates at the third session (morning) and 943 at the fourth session (evening) receiving a degree scroll from the Vice-Chancellor.

The summit of the convocation which is on Monday, a total of 849 graduates will receive their scrolls for morning sessions and another 1141 recipients for evening.

For record, UMS now has ten faculties and its first graduation ceremony was held in 1999.