

VC: UMS can nurture highly marketable

graduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) can play an important role in nurturing highly marketable graduates that will not only attract but also retain the best talent.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, said with the signing of agreements for collaboration such as LOIs, MOUs and MOAs, they are setting formal links which will facilitate academic and knowledge enhancement initiatives relating to under-graduate and post-graduate student mobility, joint research and co-authorship of publications.

"In line with this, I fully encourage all Schools and Institutes to provide avenues for staff and students to enrich their understanding and improve campus experiences by being actively engaged in these partnerships," he said in his speech at the 1Culture International Affairs annual dinner, here.

He added that emerging issues such as the sharing of ideas, learning strategies, and overseas industrial training provide great value to staff and students.

Currently, UMS has a total of 538 international students across 33 countries.

"Our goal is to achieve 10 per cent of international student enrolment and 20 per cent of academic to be filled by international staff," said Harun.

He said due to their performance, some PhDs students have been offered immediate positions to join them as academic staff upon graduation.