

Academicians in UMS should obtain PhD to teach, produce high quality graduates – Abdul Hamid

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KOTA KINABALU: Academicians serving at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) should obtain Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) qualification in order for them to teach and produce high quality graduates.

According to the first Chairman of UMS Board of Directors, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egoh, the quality of a graduate depends on the quality of their teachers.

“Right now, there are 815 academic staff members teaching at UMS of which only 41 percent of them have PhD qualification.

“However, under the leadership of the new Vice Chancellor, Datuk Professor Harun Abdullah, I’m confident that he can lead UMS to become a renown institution for research and development in the future,” he said at his appreciation ceremony held for his departure from his post in UMS, at Sutera Harbour on Monday.

He said that the UMS strategic plan for 2013 to 2017 is not only aiming at sustaining the university’s excellence but also to elevate its status internationally.

Meanwhile, Harun in his address expressed his appreciation to Hamid



Hamid (second right) is symbolically passing the 'log book' to Tun Zaki (left) as Harun (right) and Abdullah (second left) look on.

who has served UMS for 18 years.

“Among his notable contributions is the introduction of “Town and Gown” concept in Kota Kinabalu city. It is a parade by the graduating students wearing their robes around the city before the convocation ceremony,” he said.

He added that Hamid has also writ-

ten a book titled ‘The Rules of Social Behaviour for UMS; Etiquette for Staff and Student’.

Also present at the ceremony were the new chairman of UMS Board of Directors, Tun Zaki Azmi and UMS Registrar, Lt Col Datuk Abdullah Mohd Said, and other invited guests.