

# Adapt to local culture, foreign UMS students told

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**KOTA KINABALU:** International students should make full use of their student visa by giving priority to their studies, said UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Dr Amran Ahmed (pic).

He said this during the registration of 136 international students under its International Student Foundation Programme's (ISFP) Oct 2011 intake, here, Tuesday.

"I wish to remind all the students here that ISFP is a rigorous examination that demands your total commitment and determination to study for the best expected result. "All of you are living outside of your country, most are even living out of the care of your parents for the first time and I ensure you that the culture and law of Malaysia is different from your countries.

"So please adapt and adjust your life as quickly as possible to the local culture and local law. You are here under a student visa, and that means you will be sent back to your country for any violation of your student visa.

"Your behaviour and presence here will also be a reflection of the people in your country.

"I sincerely hope that the new students will study wisely and diligently while enjoying their stay in this country and be successful in completing their ISFP," said Amran.

The students comprising 133 students from China, two



from Korea and one from Turkey will be taking the ISFP to fully equip them for the Certificate of English Language and Foundation Studies Examination that will enable them to continue their undergraduate studies at UMS.

Earlier, Amran explained that the ISFP is a preparatory course for international students conducted by the UMS Link Centre for Professional Development which is under the purview of UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd, a company wholly-owned by UMS.

"UMS is always willing to work together with UMS Link to ensure that the reputation of the university is protected and preserves a positive platform for an active and continuous university-community relationship.

"This will attract international students to choose UMS for further studies," said Amran.

"In fact, UMS Link is in the process of building a prestigious international education centre known as UMS Link International Precinct at Alamesra here specially to cater to the international community.

"The project will consist of a boutique hotel, service apartments, medical centre etc. Very soon our international students will be able to enjoy a wide range of conducive learning facilities within one integrated centre with close proximity to many public facilities available within the building," said Amran.