

UMS' good reputation lures foreign students

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) good reputation as a provider of quality undergraduate business programme is what lured 17-year-old Tan Pei Jie to study there.

Pei Jie hails from Hunan, China, and is one of the 135 students from the republic to register with UMS as a foreign student yesterday.

"I wanted to major in economics and UMS has a good major in this. Being here allows me to choose the major I like," she said.

She added that she first came to know about UMS from her school and that this roused her interest to come here.

"I surfed the Internet for more information and I think I have made a wise choice. Once I finish my undergraduate study, I plan to go for my master. I might do it here," she said.

Pei Jie said she was also attracted to UMS because of the country's touristic value.



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"It is a beautiful country," she said.

Meanwhile, Li Wei Hao, 18, wanted to study at UMS because of the university's library.

"I want to study biotechnology and UMS has good research programmes and a large selection of books in its library."

Muslim Chinese student Qin Shao Yun, 18, on the other hand was attracted to UMS because she felt the country provided



Qin Shao Yun

a conducive environment for people to study.

She also wanted to come here to strengthen her grasps on the English language as she felt this would help in her career advancement later in life.

One of the two Korean students who registered at UMS in this batch, Shin Hyeng Wook, 43, is keen on studying at UMS because he wants to eventually stay in the country and contribute his



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expertise.

"I want to improve my English and later, in Bahasa Melayu," he said.

He added that he already has a Master's degree, but believes in continuing his education.

He also said his wife and children might join him here once his studies have been completed three years from now.

Prior to the registration drive yesterday, UMS Deputy

Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Professor Dr Amran Ahmed said foreign students would be undergoing a six-month English programme prior to beginning their undergraduate studies next year.

He added that this was the 18th enrollment for foreign students at UMS and was happy with the response from the Chinese republic to study there.

"We worked with agents in

the country to promote the university to schools and their students," he said.

UMS, he said, offers 64 programmes and these include business, economics, management, accounting, science and technology and the arts.

He also said that 100 per cent of the foreign students from China who had studied at the university had obtained employment in their own country.