

Females double the males in UMS intake

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 5,072 candidates were offered to enrol at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for the September 2013/2014 session, said Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, vice-chancellor of UMS.

"Of that figure, 2,259 are enrolled as science students, while the other 2,813 students are enrolled in the arts stream," Harun said at a press conference here yesterday.

Harun, however, emphasized that the university has a ratio target of 40% of students in the arts stream and 60% in the science stream.

"It is with this goal that we have

established a 'Pusat Asasi Sains' in effort to increase the student enrolment in the science stream.

"From what we have roughly gathered, there is an increase of students enrolling into the science-related courses, when compared to last year," he said.

Harun added that the university also saw an increase of five per cent in total enrolment compared to last year.

In terms of gender, it has enrolled more girls than boys at 3,367 and 1,705 respectively, meaning the number of female students virtually double the males.

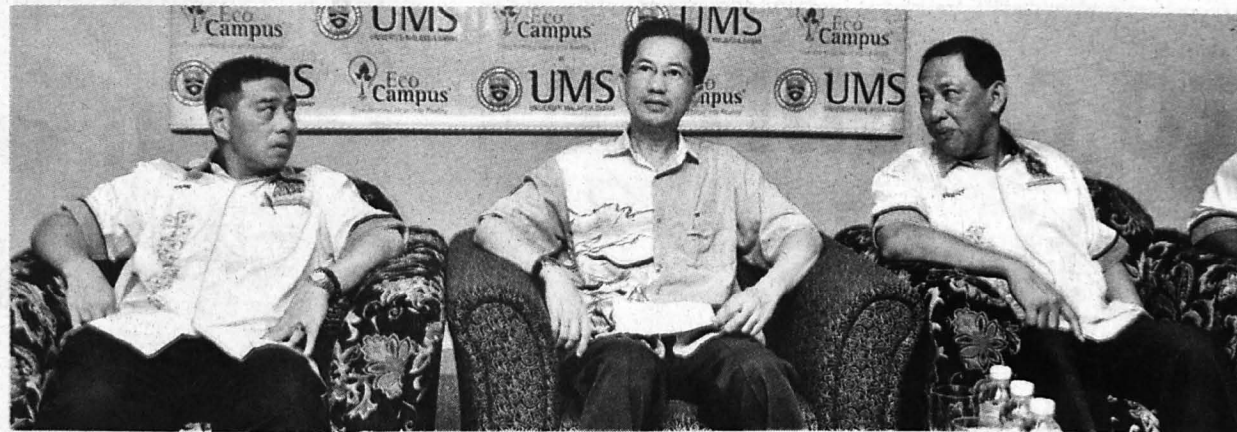
According to him, the university has welcomed 137 international students

and offered enrolment to 100 students from underprivileged backgrounds.

"Registration for the new intake has been ongoing since 8am, at each of our university's dormitory quarters," he said.

Harun added as at 11.30am yesterday morning a total of 1,770 students had successfully registered into their respective dormitories.

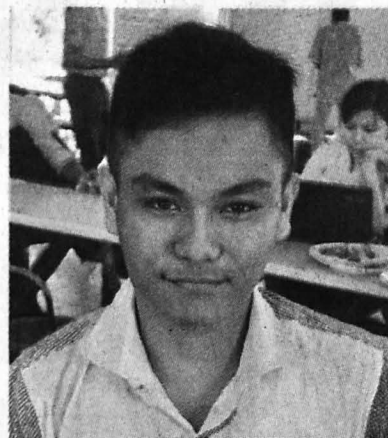
Lastly, Harun said that the university currently offers more than a hundred courses from both the arts and sciences and has established a total of 13 faculties.



Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah (centre) speaking to media representatives yesterday.



Hui Yen (centre) with her mother, Bee Ling (right) and aunt.



Jaidi Jolin



New students enrolling at Universiti Malaysia Sabah yesterday.