

UMS offers management course

THE Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently launched a new course in line with the increasing demands for skilled and professional human resources.

"UMS as a modern and dynamic university is offering the Supervisory Certificate in Hotel Management to fulfil such needs," said vice chancellor, Prof Dato Dr Abu Hassan Othman.

He said, the 1996's Sabah Tourism Masterplan Report highlighted the immense development of the four and five-star hotels and identified the need for sufficient human resources for the accommodation industry as one of the issues that had to be resolved to facilitate the rapid growth of the hotel industry.

"It is hoped that through the courses, we can help overcome the shortage of skilled human resources especially at the supervisory and middle management level in the hotel industry," said Abu Hassan.

The coordinator of the course, Jennifer Chan Kim Lian said, the programmes offered are for supervisory

certificates in hotel operations; hotel reception; food, beverage and catering management as well as the executive certificate in hospitality marketing.

"All courses offered are intensive programmes which can be completed in one-and-a-half months to six months," she said.

Chan said, the university would provide students with complete modules and "with the necessary field training to enhance their understanding, knowledge and supervisory skill to perform in the respective department."

Applicants would be required to do field assignments and sit for a progress test and a final examination for each course, she said, adding, there would be a total of three contact hours per week for each course.

Chan said, lectures would be held on weekdays from 6-9pm at the Conference Centre in Likas Square.

She said, the courses would be suitable for supervisory and middle management level staff who were already

working in the hotel industry, semi-skilled staffs with potential to be promoted to supervisory level as well as adults with at least Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) qualifications and a minimum of two years working experience in the industry.

The course fees ranges from RM2,000-RM4000.

All the courses are recognised by the Human Resource Development Council, and as such, "upon completion, the Human Resource Development Fund will refund 75 percent of the students' fees," the coordinator said.

Due to the need to maintain the UMS commitment to quality teaching and personal attention, "enrolment for each course will be limited to a maximum of 20 students only," said Chan.

She said, the registration would begin next month and classes would commence in August.

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