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Abdullah praises joyful students

STUDENTS from various higher learning institutes here who attended the undergraduate general assembly at the UMS were praised by Abdullah for their cheerfulness.

"When I saw the students today they were all cheerful and in healthy condition. I took note of this is because in other places the students were very quiet," he said to the applause from the students.

About 3,500 students from UMS, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Politeknik Kota Kinabalu, Gaya Teachers' Training College, Kent Teachers' Training College, Kolej Ibu Kota, Yayasan Sabah Community College (KKYS), Stamford College and Inti College attended the assembly.

During the question and answer session, a student asked if the government would consider paying salaries to teachers who resign to pursue further studies.

Abdullah said the salaries would only be paid to those who were working but assured that the Minister of Education Tan Sri Musa Mohamed was looking into the matter.

To another question he said the three-year period for an undergraduate to complete his bachelor's degree was sufficient.

"The three-year period was not decided deliberately but all factors were weighed before we came to an agreeable decision," he said.