

Zaki aims to make UMS more renowned

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KOTA KINABALU: Newly-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Tun Zaki Tun Azmi, vowed to steer the university into the next level in terms of its management, financial and academic standard.

Speaking at the UMS Convocation Dinner here on Friday, Zaki said his experience in juridical as well corporate industry had thought him a lot, especially about management of an organisation.

"You all know, I am not an educationist with a university degree. My only qualification is just an honorary degree, but with my experience, I would work hard to offer guidance and best way to boost the quality of the university," he said.

Zaki's speech was read by the university's Vice-Chancellor Datuk Harun Abdullah.

"There are three main entities that need

to be cared for, nurtured and continuously upgraded. They are the students, the academicians and the management team.

"I believe that university students should achieve three main objectives; improve chances of getting employment, improve opportunity of well-paid jobs and improve knowledge for the sake of knowledge.

"To achieve those objectives, the atmosphere in the university must be supportive and relevant at all times. I believe senior officials of the university would continue to monitor and take into account those aspect in any of its programmes, academic or not," he said.

Zaki was elected Chairman in April this year, replacing the long-serving Tan Sri Datuk Abdul Hamid Egeh who held the position for 18 years since 1995.

Also present during the event were UMS Chancellor and State Governor Tun Johar



The TYT presenting the Vice-Chancellor award to Goh Kay Mint.

Mahiruddin and wife and UMS Pro Chancellor cum Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman and wife.

During the event also, five female stu-

dents and one male student were awarded for their academic excellence.

Nur Syazwani Yusof (CGPA 3.7) and Jong Lin Wei (CGPA 3.93) received the

Royal Academic Award for Bumiputera and non-Bumiputera respectively. The Chancellor Gold Medal goes to Tan Mei Ling (CGPA 3.95), Vice-Chancellor Gold Medal to Goh Kay Mint (3.91) and Alumni Gold Medal to Roselin Lye Shu Mei (3.80). Medical student Rodney Herrera Jamie (3.79) was awarded the Zainal Abidin Bador Award.

The 15th UMS Convocation would see 4,553 graduates conferred their respective degrees with 21 PhD graduates, 458 post-graduate degrees, 337 post-graduate diplomas, 3,707 undergraduates and 27 diplomas.

The ceremony would also confer an honorary doctorate in philosophy to Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egeh and the title Professor Emeritus to former UMS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Mohd Noh Dalimin and former School of Science Social dean Sabihah Osman.