

Be competitive, Juhar urges graduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Head of State Tun Haji Juhar Haji Mahiruddin reminded graduates that they would have to compete in job markets with thousands of other graduates from public institutions of higher learning and private institutions of higher learning who are equally good.

Tun Juhar, who is also the Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), said under the 10th Malaysia Plan, the Key Performance Index (KPI) for the public institutions of higher learning is to produce future graduates who are capable of facing multiple challenges and tasks and producing high quality work that is greatly required by the nation.

"In order to compete with others, graduates should increase their knowledge and skills. The universities have designed various programmes such as Industrial Training, Apprenticeship, Finishing School

and Entrepreneur Training for the graduates to equip them with value added qualities and skills so that they can be marketable and employable in the local or international job market," he said during the 15th Convocation of UMS at the Chancellor's Hall here yesterday morning.

At the event, Tun Juhar conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Management) on Tan Sri Datuk Abdul Hamid Ego in recognition of his exemplary service to the state, country and the university.

Hamid Ego, who served as the fourth State Secretary of Sabah from 1975 to 1988, also served as the chairman of the UMS Board of Directors from 1995 to 2013.

Tun Juhar also conferred Professor Emeritus on two academicians of the university – Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin and Professor Dr Sabihah Osman.

They were given the honour in recognition of their extraordinary achievement in their respective academic fields.

A total of 4,553 graduates will be graduating from UMS this year. They will be conferred the degrees in six sessions that will end on Nov 25.

In the first session beginning yesterday, 816 received their scrolls in various discipline of studies – Doctor of Philosophy (21) Master of Philosophy in Research (4), Master of Research (95), Master's Degree by Coursework (5), Master's Degree by Coursework (PLUMS) (339), Master of Psychology Counselling (SPADA)(15), Post Degree Diploma (332) and Diploma in Islamic Studies (PLUMS) (5).

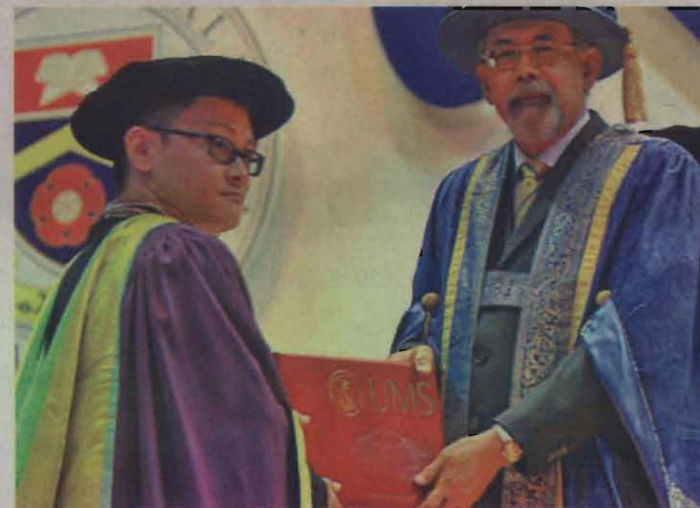
The event was also attended by UMS Pro Chancellor Tan Sri Dato' Seri (Dr) Yeoh Tiong Lay, Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, head of government departments and other invited guests.



May Liu Siaw Mei receiving Degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Tun Juhar.



Tan Sri Hamid Ego (left) receives the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Management) from Tun Juhar.



Takashi Kamada receiving Degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Tun Juhar.



Prof Datuk Dr Mohd. Noh Dalimin (left) receives Professor Emeritus.