

Petronas' Student Development Programme for UMS undergraduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Petronas organised a two-day Student Development Programme at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) last week aimed at developing leadership skills and competencies and prepare the university's undergraduates for the job market.

Some 100 students attended the programme on Dec 3-4 which was held in collaboration with UMS and conducted by Petronas Leader-

ship Centre (PLC).

The programme comprised four modules, covering topics such as cultural diversity at workplace, inculcating positive values at workplace, dealing with people from different levels in the structure of an organisation, and personal branding.

Its General Manager of Sabah and Labuan Regional Office Julita Ontol, who spoke at the event, said the programme was designed to as-

sist students to develop foundational leadership skills and competencies they would require as future employees.

"These behaviours, skills and competencies will be invaluable assets for all students when they step out of the campus and enter the job market," she said.

UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Associate Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Md Mansur

welcomed the initiative, saying it was important for the university to foster greater rapport and cooperation with industry players, particularly Petronas.

"Through this programme, students are exposed to the working cultures, communications, personal branding, code of conducts and other aspects in order to produce well-rounded graduates," he said in his speech read by

Associate Professor Dr Mahmud Sudin, Director of UMS' Alumni Centre.

Among the activities held during the programme were mock interviews to prepare the undergraduates for actual job interviews.

Prior to the Student Development Programme, Petronas had also organised a networking dinner with UMS attended by university officials and about 100 students

on Nov 21.

Petronas also held a "DiscoverPETRONAS Day @ UMS" exhibition at UMS' Industry Carnival in conjunction with the university's 15th Convocation on Nov 20-22.

Among the activities held during the carnival were career talks by petroleum engineers and geoscientists and awareness on career opportunities with the national oil company.