

UMS steps up research efforts to NBT boost 19.2.14 3 recognition

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is stepping up its research efforts to propel the university into international recognition.

Its vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said Malaysia has published only 77,327 literary works while the nation's smaller neighbour Singapore has already published 78,037 literary works so far.

Speaking at his annual address, Harun said it is an incentive for UMS to perform better in research and achieve their goal of becoming a world-class academic institution.

He added that UMS will be aiding the five elected Malaysian Research Universities in their researches and thus improving the university research standards.

To reflect this, the university has renewed its gerund scheme for Doctors of Philosophy (PhD) candidates for the first session of the 2015/2015 academic year.

Harun said that PhD candidates would have to publish one high impact journal and two refereed journals in proceedings form to be eligible for the gerund scheme.

Whereas a Master's Degree candidate would have to publish one refereed journal and one proceeding journal to be eligible, he said.

Speaking before a packed crowd of UMS students, lecturers and staff at the Chancellery Hall here yesterday, Harun urged his audience to actively involve themselves in university activities.

In his speech titled 'Transforming Ideas into Reality' Harun said that every outlined plan needs the support of the people to ensure success.

"Remember, success needs sacrifice, sacrifice needs effort, effort needs willpower, willpower needs goals and goals decide success," he stressed.

He added that the success of activities organised by the university has spurred the State's economic growth and development.

"Look at the area around UMS. New developments are constantly happening," he added.

He urged his audience to increase their efforts by venturing into new fields to remain relevant and competitive.

Harun said that 40 per cent of UMS students are employed within the first few months of graduation, adding that the percentage increases exponentially towards the end of the year.

He said that UMS has produced 46,318 graduates since its inception in 1994.

In his speech, Harun announced that in the near future, the university would be using 'Faculty' instead of 'School' to refer to its different academic institutions.

In another announcement, Harun said the university would also be changing the name of its residential colleges from college AB to Tun Dr Mahathir, college CD to Tun Mustapha and college E to Tun Fuad Stephens.