

UMS BOD chairman urges students to improve command of English

KOTA KINABALU: The chairman of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) board of directors, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egoh urges students to improve their command of the English language because it is the main medium of communication for international dealings.

“Without neglecting Bahasa Melayu as the national language, students must also master the English language. They can do it in UMS because the university’s programme has been arranged as such that it takes into account the need for students to master the English language,” he said.

He also reminded them to constantly read books in English, stressing that good command of English will help them in international dealings in the future.

“Countries that capture the attention of delegates at international events are those proficient in English. When you represent Malaysia and are able to communicate well in English, you have the advantage of dealing in national matters that are related to international ties,” he

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Hamid was speaking at an event for new students to pledge their oath held at UMS here yesterday.

Those present included Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman who is also the Pro Chancellor of UMS, Higher Education Director General Prof Datuk Dr Rujhan Mustafa and vice chancellor of UMS, Prof Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon.

In his speech, Hamid went on to say that success is not necessarily determined by one’s family wealth but on a person’s drive to succeed.

He said many who have achieved success came from less privileged families.

“Students who come from less privileged families are not necessarily incapable of achieving success. A good future can be had by anyone provided that person is willing to work hard,” he said when addressing the new intake of students.

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