

Lifelong learning education at UMS Centre for External Education

By Henry Bating

BP 22.4.2014 10

KOTA KINABALU: Various programmes designated for working adults are now being offered by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through its life-long learning centre, the UMS Centre for External Education (UCEE) or also known as PLUMS.

Associate Professor Dr Mohd Yusof bin Abdullah, the newly appointed director, said that UCEE offers 10 Master's programmes by coursework in various areas on part-time basis for the upcoming September Intake 2014/2015 namely: Master of Business Administration; Master of Economics; Master of Human Capital Management from School of Business and Economics; Master of Counselling (Psychology Counselling) from School of Psychology and Social Work; Master of Education with specialization in TESL, Science, Computer in Education, Education Management, Curriculum and Instructional Design, Physical and Health Education from School of Education and Social Development.

For those who wish to complete their study in a shorter period of time (approximately one and half years), UCEE offers Master of Business Administration, Master of Economics and Masters in Human Capital Management on full-time mode.

"UCEE aims to provide quality education for our students. Courses offered will meet the needs of employers and industry players, equipping graduates with in-depth knowledge, techniques and skills required in their respective fields," said Dr Mohd Yusof, who is also a senior lecturer at the School of Education and Social Development.

"UCEE also intends to increase the number of foreign students, particularly from developing countries to study at UMS. The increase of intake from various countries will provide an opportunity for local students to interact with the world community



Dr Mohd Yusof

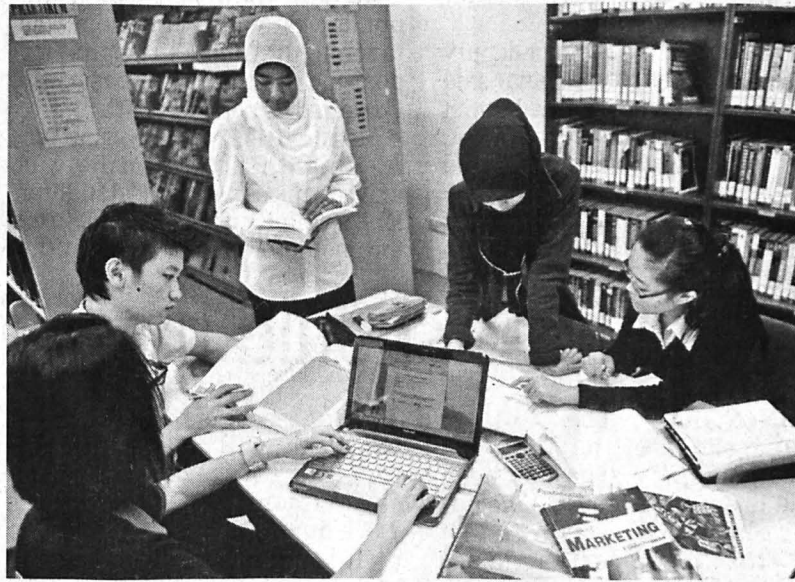
besides the opportunity to learn foreign languages and cultures," he added.

According to Dr Mohd Yusof, the many benefits for UCEE postgraduate students include the opportunity to learn from professional and well-experienced lecturers as a number of them contribute their expertise as consultants to various organizations and institutions. Their available expertise will help to develop the students' mind and further enrich their skills to enable them to excel in their respective workplace.

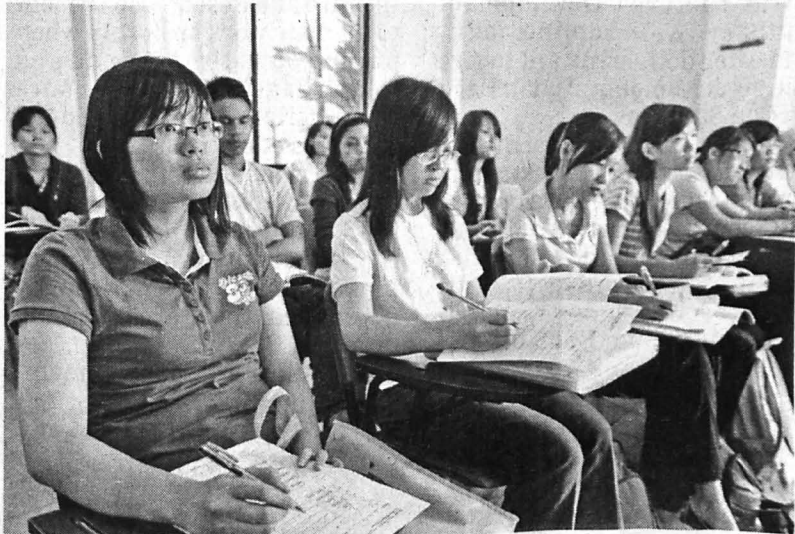
Apart from that, students will have safe and secured learning environment, including a well-equipped library and state-of-the-art ICT facilities.

Dr Mohd Yusof added that as a career person, working while studying is not an easy task. It requires determination and proper guidance to enable them to cope with their double responsibilities in working and studying, apart from having quality time with their family. Quality time management is very important and requires ability to prioritise within limited time frame.

Apart from postgraduate programmes, UCEE also offers bachelor's degree program for September Intake in the following areas: Financial Management and Banking, Marketing and Human Resource Economics;



Student looking for reference in the resource centre.



Students following the tutorial in a conducive room.

Financial Economics and Planning and Development Economics; Communication and History; Software Engineering; International Marketing and Islamic Finance.

Classes for part-time programmes will be conducted in the evenings and weekends at the UMS main campus in Kota Kinabalu. There are also programmes offered in Sandakan, Tawau and Labuan.

Students of the university are

eligible to apply for student loan from Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional (PTPTN) and to withdraw from own EPF account.

Online application for Master's programmes can be done at <https://smpp.ums.edu.my/application>. Application forms for Bachelor programmes can be downloaded at <http://plums.ums.edu.my>. Further questions can be submitted to marketing personnel at marketing@umslink.com.my or contact 088-448341.