

More students expected at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah is expecting more students to pursue their studies in the university.

He said 4,851 students were selected to study in UMS for the 2014/2015 session comprising 1,992 students from Sabah, 2,295 from Peninsular Malaysia, 399 from Sarawak and 165 international students.

"This number is expected to increase due to the number of students who appealed to be selected to join our university. We are considering because most of the students who appealed obtained good results in their exams," said Harun at the Majlis Ramah Mesra UMS with parents yesterday.

Dr Mohd Harun added that 100 Sabahan students from low income families have been offered financial aid by the university.

UMS has been receiving assistance from the government and a number of charitable bodies to support students from the low income group to pay their tuition fees.

Yayasan Tun Juhar is one of the bodies that has been helping students.

Meanwhile, Syazana Farhana James, 20, from Tawau expressed



Some of the parents of students attending the Majlis Ramah Mesra UMS yesterday.

her happiness at being accepted into UMS for the Psychology and Education course.

"I am one of the 100 recipients under the UMS financial aid. I was worried about my family's financial problem after receiving the offer letter to study in UMS. But after the university offered me the aid, I was very happy and excited to study and become a teacher.

"I am thankful for this opportunity and will do my best to make my family proud of me," she said.

Another student, 20-year-old Mohd Fadzle Kadir also thanked

the management of UMS for giving him the opportunity to change his family's life.

The sixth child of nine siblings said he would never take the aid for granted and would make the university and also his parents proud after graduating.

"I want to be a successful person, and with that I need to study hard. My father is working in an estate, but after this I will be changing my family's life to a better standard.

"I hope to find a good job after graduating from my business, economy and accounting course," he added.



Harun



Fadzle



Syazana