



Students pictured during the Pledge and Aku Janji ceremony.

# Never use UMS for personal agenda: V-C

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Students should never use the university as a platform to launch their interest and personal agenda.

“There is no room to compromise with students who acquire the intentions of leading the university towards destruction, chaos, demonstrations, vandalism and negativity,” said Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.

He said this during the Oath and Aku Janji ceremony for the 2014/15 session of new intakes at the university’s Chancellor Hall, here, Thursday.

Harun reminded the students about their main purposes in pursuing their studies at the university for future success as well as making their parents proud of their achievement.

“A good future can be owned by everyone who is hardworking. Success cannot be gained without hard work.

“Most successful individuals came from poor family background. However,

this does not mean that those who came from well-to-do families cannot achieve success in their lives,” he said.

Students must use the opportunities given by the university wisely in achieving their dreams and ambitions besides fulfilling the hopes of their family members, he said.

There were a total of 4,851 new students, including from Algeria, Brunei, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Maldives and Zimbabwe.

The new intakes also included 100 students under the New Entry Mode Mechanism for Bottom 40 per cent Household programme and six disabled students taking various programmes.

The New Entry Mode Mechanism for Bottom 40 per cent Household, introduced in Aug 2013, is part of the Transforming Ideas Into Reality (Meniti) programme under the university’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) providing opportunities to students from families earning 40 per cent below the poverty line to further their studies.