



The newly enrolled international students and members of UMS.

UMS wants more international students

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) intends to increase the number of international students enrolling at the university.

Its vice chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah, said the UMS curriculum would soon be aligned with the education systems around the world and this would attract more international students to come and study there.

Dr Harun said this in speech for the ceremony to welcome 72 students from China and from Cambodia for the Intensive English Preparatory Programme (IEPP) yesterday. He was represented by Molly Donna Datuk Awang Sham, the International Affairs centre's acting director.

He also welcomed the batch

of international students comprising of 69 from China and three from Cambodia into the programme.

This was the first time the university welcomed students from Cambodia, he said.

The vice chancellor also said the IEPP programme was structured to help international students to grasp the English language and allowed them to pursue the courses of their choice at the university.

Meanwhile, UMSLink Holdings Sdn Bhd group managing manager Ramlan Awang Ali said that the programme began in 2003 to assist international students with no basic English to pursue studies in the Bachelor Degree and Masters Degree programmes in UMS.

He encouraged the newly

enrolled students to adapt to the lifestyle and said they needed to be independent, proactive and open minded.

Ramlan added that they would be assisted by highly-trained and experienced teachers and staff who would guide them in the programme.

He also stressed the importance of the English language and said the job market was looking for graduates with knowledge and skills such as the ability to communicate well with others, work under pressure and in teams, organise their time well and able to meet deadlines.

"English is a widely spoken language in the world in business and industry ... hence the need to have good command in the language. It can help further your career," he said.