



Ramasamy with the new students.

Advice to the new Indian students at Labuan UMS

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LABUAN: The new in-take of sixty six Indian students at UMS Labuan International Campus were advised not to under-estimate the degree they would achieve from the campus because the scrolls were as good as those obtained from full-fledged institutions.

Malaysian Hindu Sangam, Sabah chapter, Vice Chairman Datuk Ramasamy Rengasamy gave the advice when he welcomed the students.

He said there is no reason to feel inferior. "Since 1990 when the campus was established, hundreds of them graduated had found well-placed jobs in Malaysia and overseas but, however, certificates alone are not important in present day, you also have to be equipped with additional tools such as good inter-action and communication skills as well as a well-groomed personality."

Ramasamy who had for years struggling with a lone battle to get more Indian students accepted into the campus and chance be given to those with boarder line entry qualification or those from B40

group, added that he was please that the new government was continuing programmes to assist Indians initiated during BN rule. He said this is reflected today when 76 had been accepted by the campus but some did not turn up. The total in-take for the new semester was 600 plus.

Ramasamy, who is also the MIC chairman here, said one attraction of the campus was that the cost was RM1,400 per semester compared to RM8,000 in some private institutions. The Labuan Campus is offering two faculties, namely Islamic banking and Information Technology (IT).

On another note, Ramasamy also inspired the students with the assurance that those who did well could have a bright future. He said during a Senate session this year, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator P. Waythamoorthy had stated a special fund for the socio-economic development of the Indian community was being set up with an initial allocation of RM4 billion for 10 years. He said this was evidence that the government was keen to raise the equity of Indian community in the national economy.