



**Kamarudin (first from right) having a light session with Wevonny (center) and Zufaidi (left) during the UMS 2018/2019 Intake Registration Day.**

## 58pc Sabahans among 4,220 new UMS intake

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Some 4,220 students registered at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for the 2018/2019 intake.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr D Kamarudin D' Mudin said among the total, 2,436 or 58 per cent are from the State while 1,718 or 40 per cent are from the peninsula and Sarawak.

Only 66 among the total are international students, which equates to two per cent.

"The international students are from China (31 students), Brunei (11), Gabon (one student), Germany (one), Japan (one), Indonesia (five), Thailand (11), South Korea (three) and Bangladesh (two)," he said.

He added that 200 students with financial constraints received assistance through UMS' corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme for those from the B40 category (bottom 40 per cent household income group) who have fulfilled the Central University Admission Unit's (UPU) minimum requirements.

He said this during a press conference after a meet-and-greet session with parents and new students at the university, here, Monday.

Kamarudin revealed that four new programmes were offered for this year's intake.

The four new programmes are Bachelors in Oil and Gas Engineering with Honours (27 students), Bachelors in Early Childhood Education (55), Masters in Public Health (seven) and Diploma in Oil and Gas Engineering (18).

"Additionally, 21 students with disabilities (OKU) had also registered for this year's intake," said Kamarudin.

Mohd Zufaidi Aiman Sulaiman, 20, was determined to be a news anchor despite suffering from walking disabilities.

"I loved reading since I was young and it transpired into a dream to become a news anchor and speak in front of the people through their televisions," he added.

Being the youngest among the family of seven siblings, Zufaidi from Membakut will be studying Bachelors of Communication.

Wevonny Claudylia Robert on the other hand is a dwarf but it did not extinguish her interests in economics.

"I will be taking a degree in Financial Economics in UMS and I am looking forward in learning this subject.

"My father is a driver while my mother is a housewife. I am the second eldest among my five other siblings.

According to Wevonny, she will be adventuring in the field of economics to learn more and see where her destiny will lead her to in the future as she stated that she is open to anything related to the topic.

The students with disabilities will be residing at the ground floor of Tun Fuad Residential College along with specialised transportation for them to attend classes easily.

The new undergraduates will be going through 'Minggu Suai Mesra' (MSM) until Sept 6 before heading into their respective programmes.