

# Disability no hindrance to be a news anchor

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Disability never deterred Mohd Zulfadli from moving forward to realise his dream of becoming a news anchor.

The 20-year-old lad from Membakut is now delighted to begin his journey towards his dream with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) when he was offered to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Communications.

"It's been my passion for a very long time, I've always enjoyed watching news anchors on TV since I was very young, about sixteen years old at the time," Mohd Zulfadli Aimon Sulaiman told re-

porters here yesterday.

Despite being physically impaired in both legs since birth, Zulfadli's resolve was stronger than ever; the youngest of seven siblings, he was accompanied by his mother here yesterday on registration day.

Zulfadli is one of the 4,220 new students who attended registration for this year's 2018-2019 intake after being offered to pursue further studies at UMS.

This year UMS has accepted 21 students with special needs, the university also provided 200 offers for students from poor families which is based on the lowest 40% household income category

(B40).

From the total, 2,436 students are from Sabah, followed by 1,718 students from peninsula and Sarawak while the remaining are 66 international students.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr D. Kamarudin said UMS welcomes new students to the campus, and highlighted the university's commitment to utilise the latest technologies and advancements to enhance the learning and teaching experience for students – in line with the Ministry of Education's call for university's to embrace technology.

"It gives me immense pleasure to welcome our new students to UMS, and it is hoped that facilities on campus would benefit students and help them to pursue their studies with excellence," he said.

Meanwhile, international student from Brunei Darussalam, Nur Haziyah Dahiyah Hj Nordin is looking forward to start her Industrial Relations Degree Programme with UMS with her two other friends.

"I'm feeling great being here, one of the main reasons I chose to study at UMS is because it's closer to my home country and also my cousin studied here before," beamed Nur Haziyah.

This year's intake of international students at UMS saw



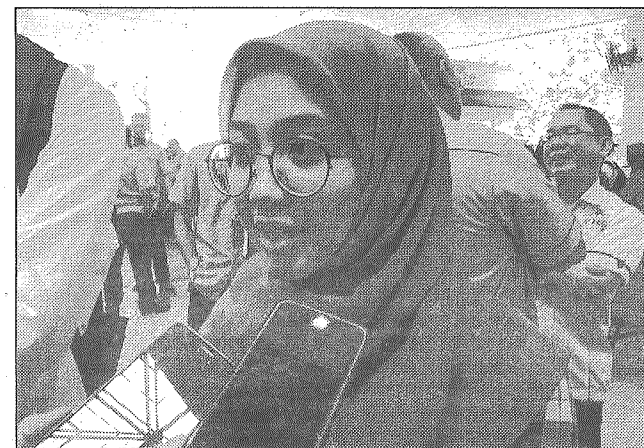
**MINGLING ... Prof Kamarudin (2nd right) sharing a moment with students with special needs registering for the 2018-2019 intake.**

Chinese students making the most numbers with 31 up students, followed by Brunei and Thailand with both countries with 11 students, while students from other countries include Germany, Japan, South Korea, Gabon, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

Touching on aspects of campus safety and security, Prof Kamarudin assured the university places a high priority on the welfare of students.

"There is nothing to worry, the safety and security of our students is paramount, and the University has taken action to ensure their welfare is protected," he added.

Prof Kamarudin said there will be two new degree programmes offered at UMS which includes Bachelors Degree in Oil and Gas Engineering (Faculty of Engineer-



**BRUNEI STUDENT ... Nur Haziyah speaking to reporters after her registration to pursue her Bachelors Degree in Industrial Relations with UMS.**

ing) and Bachelors Degree of Early Childhood Education (Faculty of Education and Psychology).

Furthermore, he noted

UMS has also introduced a new Masters Degree Programme in Public Health and Diploma Programme in Oil and Gas Engineering.



**FUTURE NEWS ANCHOR ... Zulfadli (right) with his mother after registering for this year's 2018-2019 intake at UMS.**