

Student parliamentary system for UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: A student parliamentary system (Parlimen Mahasiswa) will be implemented at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to produce quality graduates with critical and ideal minds.

Vice chancellor Datuk Seri Panglima Kamaruzaman Ampon said the system would allow students to express their ideas in a positive way and create better leaders in future.

"We might take Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as an example where students are openly debating their motions that affect issues in their campus and also national issues.

"We want to recognize the students' voice and at the same time they can contribute in the university's policymaking," said Kamaruzaman at the annual address to students and staff at the Chancellery Hall of UMS yesterday.

He said UMS was also taking the challenge to improve the impact on industrial trainings on students before graduating.



Kamaruzaman

Academicians must have excellent connections with the industries, corporate bodies and outsiders to ensure UMS students would have the opportunity to experience the working environment.

He stressed it was important for students to be part of a company and to understand the real world and not as 'coffee maker' or 'photocopy assistant' during the industrial training.

As university students, Kamaruzaman said they have a very important role to society, and UMS must be seen as a platform where its students deliver their ideas

through speeches.

"I am hoping this year that every concourse area and open air stage will be the place for students to deliver their speeches as a start for them to communicate with people in the real world.

"Speech activities must be included in the students' activities and it is not limited to debating students only. We want students to maximize the implementation this year," he said.

Kamaruzaman said UMS staff and students must work together to successfully implement their strategies without wasting people's money.

Yesterday, Kamaruzaman said expenses for electricity and water bills should be reduced, especially when the cost for its utility is RM1.2 million a month.

UMS citizens are urged to improve themselves in every aspect, including saving energy so that people would not have a negative perception on the university.

Kamaruzaman urged the management of UMS to also update its website information so people would not criticise any error or outdated information.