

UMS zeroes in on critical thinking of young

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will continue to provide competent academicians, develop modern infrastructure and set up effective policies in the effort to stimulate critical thinking of the younger generation.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin said in the modern era, acquiring higher education has become a must to keep up with the changing times.

Hence, he said, UMS is dedicated to producing high quality graduates for both local and global markets.

"UMS will continue to provide guidance and learning opportunities in an environment that stresses on talent and innovation," he said in his speech delivered by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Prof Dr Rasid Mail, at the closing ceremony of 2018/2019 "Majlis Suai Mesra" for students of Science Foundation programme here yesterday.

A total of 312 students have enrolled in the programme – a one-year course before entering the Bachelor's Degree.

"I urge students to grab this opportunity to embrace life on campus; apart from carrying excellent academic transcript towards your future working environment, other aspects including your university participation will help lift your



Sazmal (left) presenting a souvenir to Rasid (centre) as Hazwani (right) looks on.

confidence."

Meanwhile, PPST director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sazmal Effendi Arshad said that campus life calls for huge sacrifices and determination which will in turn develop students' personality and competency.

He reminded students that the Science Foundation programme though only a transition, should not be taken lightly.

"There will be new challenges for you to face in the university which are dif-

ferent than before. Remember that no success comes easy without perseverance; it needs to go along with sacrifice and a fighting spirit."

Currently, he said 882 former UMS Science Foundation students are pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in the campus while 82 graduated in the recent 19th UMS Convocation. Also present was the event's director Nur Hazwani Dahon. -By **DK Ryni Qareena**