



Seated, Vina (centre), Ramlan (fifth right) with invited guests, students and parents during the registration for the Intensive English Preparatory Programme.

# 31 foreign students enrol in UMS English program

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Thirty international students enrolled in the Intensive English Preparatory Programme (IEPP) conducted by UMS Investment Holdings Sdn Bhd here yesterday.

The programme was introduced in 2003 to assist international students who do not have the basic English entry requirement to pursue

their studies in Bachelor's or Masters degree programmes at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said English was the most widely used business language of the world.

"Therefore, if you can communicate proficiently in

English, you can play a better role as a global citizen," Harun stated this in his welcoming speech, which was delivered by UMS Academic Services Division chief Vina Zahriani Yusof, for the 30th batch of students undertaking IEPP here yesterday.

Out of the 31 international students, 29 come from China, one from South Korea and

Timor-Leste respectively.

Harun added that UMS had a culturally diverse student population.

"We have international students from Japan, China, Indonesia and South Korea just to name a few," he said.

Also present was UMS Investment Holdings chief executive officer Ramlan Awang Ali.