

Students arriving at the ferry terminal.

Labuan UMS attracts more students

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LABUAN: The Universiti Malaysia (UMS) Labuan International Campus has grown in stature and is attracting more students from beyond Malaysian shores. The 11-year-old campus, which started with an intake of 400 students in 1990, later had students from China as well.

This year for the first time for the 2010/2011 academic session, four of the 33 foreign students are from Turkey.

Director of the Campus, Prof. Madya Dr Shariff Abdul Kadir, who welcomed 585 students at the ferry terminal arriving in batches from Kota Kinabalu said out of the 585 students, 384 were girls and another 201 boys.

He said the campus had an International Business and Finance school which offered courses in Offshores International Banking, Marketing and Financial Economics. Some 194 of them would be enrolling in the school and this comprised 320 girls and 174 boys.

As for the School of Informatics Sciences which offered multimedia technology and ecommerce, 97 students would enrol made up of 68 girls and 29 boys.

Dr Shariff said while the boys would stay at the campus hostel the girls would be housed at the Taman Mutiara apartments.

Regarding water Dr Shariff said the problem had been overcome through various measures. He said the Campus was making continuous efforts to provide a environment to produce good and quality students.

He noted that the campus had 10 per cent of its lecturers from overseas. During the last Malaysia Plan, the campus had applied for RM30 million to upgrade facilities.