

Graduate attributes success to hard work, passion and parents

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KOTA KINABALU: It is undeniable that hard work and passion for success are among the main attitudes of every graduate who drives their success. However, a Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) graduate, who is a recipient of the Royal Student Award, emphasised that his parents were his main key of success.

Mohd Hardyanto Vai Bahrin (pic), 23, said, since he was young, it has been instilled in his mindset that he wants to succeed in honoring both his parents and helping them improve the family's economy in the future.

Although raised in a modest family, the second son of Bahrin Sugino and Norhayati Kassim never forgot his goal in his four years of study to achieve the best results in Chemical Engineering degree course.

He said although his parents were in Tawau and he lived at the UMS hostel, his relationship with his family never felt far away because he would contact them daily to share news and progress.

He believes that he will become stronger and has always realised that his goal of attending the university is for both of his parents.

Talking about his experience at UMS, Hardyanto does not deny that sometimes he faces financial constraints, but he has learned to manage the money provided by his parents as well as government education loans.

Apart from that, he has faced obstacles to completing coursework in group form when members of the group do not provide the cooperation that is expected.

"These are all challenges that we will have to face as a student, but it is up to us on how we face and adapt those challenges to positive things,

"Like myself, I channelled a bit of my learning pressure into positive activity such as hanging out with friends, and cycling around the UMS campus to get a balance of social life," he said when met at the fourth session of the UMS Convocation Ceremony, here yesterday.

Hardyanto added that even though some of them thought success could be accomplished on their own without a good educational background, he maintained that it was education that would change an individual's fate and future.

Although there are some business people who are successful today even with only Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) but sooner or later they will still realize that education is still important to them.

Hardyanto will continue his education for a Master's and pursue his ambition to become one of the Bumiputera engineers who can contribute to Sabah.

He advised that other students should always set their goals when pursuing education and prioritising their parents in any matter.

