



Prof Dr Jualang presenting a scroll to one of the PEP students.

Achievement of PEP students a significant milestone for UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The Progressive English Programme (PEP) Graduation Ceremony and Dinner held on September 28 at the Ming Garden Hotel celebrated the success of 181 students whose hard work had made it possible for them to pursue their academic goals via bachelor, master, or doctorate programmes in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

The momentous event hosted by the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning or more popularly known as Pusat Penataran Ilmu dan Bahasa (PPIB) clearly accentuated its role in realizing an important key performance index of UMS, that is, to gain international recognition and visibility.

One of the means to achieve this is to increase the number of international students with the collaboration of UMS Centre for Internationalisation and Global Engagement (CIGE), UMS Chinese Offshore counterpart and PPIB.

The PEP which is conducted by PPIB provides an alternative channel for international students to further their

tertiary education in UMS.

The dean of PPIB, Prof Dr Jualang Azlan Gansau, congratulated the certificate recipients and thanked the industrious and committed PEP teaching staff in his address.

He said the pioneer intake of PEP in August 2018 comprised 120 students, and the second intake in March 2019 comprised 75 students.

About 98% of the students are from China while the remaining 2% are from Japan, Korea and Thailand.

The success rate for both intakes is 92.5% and 93.3% respectively. He also encouraged the PEP alumni to experience the local culture and enjoy the nature in Sabah, the Land Below the Wind.

As part of the celebration, the audience was treated to local and Chinese traditional dances as well as Malay, English and Chinese songs rendered melodiously by three Chinese recipients.

This jubilant occasion is truly the culmination of PEP that heralds a bright future for the alumni and UMS.