

Quality, quantity of researchers not good enough, says UMS VC

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KOTA KINABALU: The quality and quantity of researchers are still at an unsatisfactory level, said Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon.

Hence, Kamaruzaman said the university had established a self-assessment system called the Malaysian Research Assessment Instrument (MyRA) to move itself towards becoming a research university.

“Under the researcher quality and quantity section, we only managed to achieve 8.8 percent marks out of the full 25 percent marks,” he said while delivering his keynote address at the Chancellor Hall in UMS here yesterday.

He added that UMS had not achieved a satisfactory level in terms of the number of researchers, staff with a PhD degree or equivalent.

“The amount of awards and recognition received on national and international levels is also low compared with other universities in Malaysia.”

In order to cultivate the interest of researchers, Kamaruzaman said the university would provide financial assistance, opportunity to attend conference and exhibition with other universities, hold proposal writing workshops for grant application and to

offer incentives such as Seed Money Scheme to young researchers to develop their interest.

He also called on lecturers to produce at least two journals each year as the university still lacked in the publication of journals, books and book chapters.

“I hope UMS publication will take proactive measures to encourage the lecturers to publish their books with the university publisher,” he said