

# UMS conducts workshop to review students' curriculum, mobility

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KOTA KINABALU: A workshop to review students' curriculum and mobility was recently conducted by Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy (FPEP) to meet the current human capital requirement.

The Faculty's Dean, Associate Professor Dr Raman Noordin, said the review is carried out on the curriculum of each programme offered by FPEP involving lecturers according to their respective fields.

"This is among efforts by the faculty to restructure its learning curriculum to be in accordance with the current workforce requirement," he said.

He said such practice should be inculcated in line with the rapid development.

The one-day workshop kicked off with a forum entitled 'Enhancing Graduates Capabilities Toward IR 4.0' coordinated by the Faculty's Senior Lecturer, Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Md Mansur featuring three panellist, namely CIMB Bank SME Manager, Rose SP Chong, Sabah Credit Corporation UTC Sabah Branch Chief, Zahir Ridwan Zainal and USM student representative, Wan Azmir Ali.

In the forum, Kasim shared several facts related to workforce market which has become limited due to less people patronising food outlets due to the growing trend in food delivery services.

"Marketable graduates is closely related to the nation's economy, if the economy develops well, more job opportunities will be provided.

"However the current economic scenario is under contraction and is waiting for the right time to grow," he said.

Chong, on the other hand, shared about banking which is also affected by the 4.0 Industry Revolution which gives a less than accurate perception among the community who think that most bank branches were closed because of huge

losses.

"This is not true because banking agencies have actually switched to digital banking system which provides more convenience to the customers.

"Looking at the global banking market, it is important for university graduates to focus on language proficiency namely English and other international language particularly Mandarin," she said.

Zahir Ridwan explained that everything that they learned will actually become old data because of rapid technology growth.

He said the current curriculum learning should focus on digital literacy.

"Human capital should be prepared to adapt to the current work trend or they will be irrelevant as technology is prone to changes.

"Besides that interpersonal communication skills among colleagues and customers is also an important element to be looked into," he said.

His views was shared by Wan Azmir who related that being proficient in English language is an advantage.

He said employers are also attracted to those who can present ideas well and confidently.

Apart from the forum, there was also a talk on how evaluation measures can boost students' quality by UMS' Centre for Teaching Excellence and Academic Quality Director, Prof Dr Vincent Pang Ah Fook.

Pang said students' evaluation is done as part of efforts to enhance their thinking and not just for the sake of giving grades.

"For example in the context of 4.0 Revolution Industry, students' performance is no longer measured based on their ability to perform but rather their ability to master several elements which refers to him or her.

"Their performance should also be based on how far their peers can understand their presentation," he said.