

# UMS working to achieve future-ready graduates

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is widening its international collaboration with technology and industrial based nations that include Japan.

Internationalisation and Global Involvement Centre Director Prof Dr Ho Chong Mun said such collaboration is vital towards applying advanced work culture, knowledge and experience to the students and lecturers so as to be in line with the Industrial Revolution 4.0 development.

"We sent students every year to carry out industrial training to Kindai University in Japan as part of the established cooperation.

"Students were able to experience the environment and work culture that is more forward thereby supporting the university's efforts to achieve future-ready graduates," he said.

He was commenting on Kota Kinabalu Consulate of the Japan Consular Office Kako Shiho visit to UMS Vice-Chancellor Pro Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin recently.

Also present were Deputy Consul Ai Tsukamoto and Research and Innovation Vice-Deputy Chancellor Prof Madya Ts Dr Ramzah Dambul.

Ho said the university has also signed a



**UMS staff pose in a group photo with Nakajima Junior High School delegation.**

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two well-known universities in Japan this year where collaborations would involve students and staff exchange, education, UMS industrial student placement at companies in Japan and other collaboration that benefit both parties.

Recently, the UMS Business Economics and Accountancy Faculty was visited by Nakajima Junior High School of Japan as part of the International Cultural Exchange Programme with the university's students.

The Japanese delegation was led by School Principal Yasumasa Watanabe along with eight staffs and 42 students.

The programme organised by Tourism

Management Programme and Borneo Tourism Research Centre was chaired by Prof Dr Awangku Hassan Bahar Pengiran Bagul from the faculty who designed the programme for participants to understand more about Japanese and Malaysian cultures using games and communication exercises.

Awangku expressed gratitude to the school's delegations for participating in the programme and expressed hope that it would be continued next year as it promote international learning and knowledge that propels students towards acceptance and understanding of different cultural and community perspectives.