

China students on why they chose UMS

# Direct KK flight and Sabah's beauty

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy (FPEP) held its "meet-and-greet" session with 37 post-graduate students in Semester 2, 2018/2019 here, recently.

The Faculty's Deputy Dean (Student Affairs and Postgraduate), Dr Arif @ Kamisan Pusiran said, students need to develop self-discipline and maintain good relationship with supervisors over the course of their postgraduate studies.

"In addition, it is important for post-graduate students to actively participate in non-academic activities and programmes organised by the faculty and the university, while being proactive and interconnected with fellow students and academicians.

"In doing so, students not only build strong friendships, but there will also be among colleagues and lecturers who will be able to provide information and feedback on the research conducted, thus helping to smoothen the learning process," he said.

Dr Arif said this when representing the Faculty's Dean Prof. Dr Raman Noordin during the event.

Also present were the Faculty's Deputy Dean (Research and Innovation), Dr Rini Suryati Sulong, among others.

Several international students said UMS is recognised as one of the most famous institutions of higher learning in Borneo.

One student from China, Yuan Weiren said, the beauty of the Borneo archipelago's fauna and flora, especially the state of Sabah is already well-known

by the international community.

"Another factor that led me to come to Sabah is the direct flight from Kota Kinabalu International Airport to China," said Yuan.

Another student from China, Xiao Yanli agreed with Yuan and shared his excitement about being in the university. He looks forward to enjoying the beauty Sabah has to offer while pursuing his doctorate at UMS.

"Studying here will definitely create wonderful memories for us," said the duo, who are lecturers at a university in China.

For local student, Sean Andrew Labansing, pursuing his doctorate at UMS is something he looks forward to.

He is confident with the university's ability in producing competitive graduates and hopes to pursue his interest in studying palm oil sector which is related to his career as an oil palm plantation manager based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"I believe in UMS and the lecturers, that they can help me to focus and graduate from this course," said the man from Penampang.

For the record, the faculty's post-graduate students for this semester comprise 27 undergraduate doctorate students, while 10 are undergraduate students.

The faculty which was formerly known as the School of Business and Economics was established in 1995 and aimed at meeting the needs of the country in various business, economics, and accounting to ensure Malaysia achieve its objective of becoming an industrial nation by 2020.



Dr Arif (seated left) and FPEP lecturers in a group photo with undergraduate students.