

UMS to review curriculum to enhance graduates marketability

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will emphasise three key aspects in their curriculum review to enhance their graduates marketability, said UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International) Prof Dr Rasid Mail.

He said the three aspects include the enhancement of the programme content offered, improving teaching and learning delivery systems and improving infrastructure facilities.

"The content of academic programmes are reviewed

in detail to ensure that all improvements are being made in line with the current industry development towards the Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0. It is also necessary to ensure the future existing curriculum is offered in all programmes of study at UMS," he said in a statement here yesterday.

The Accounting Programme lecturer, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accounting (FPEP), said lecturers were also urged to be more creative and to have effective pedagogical skills in lesson delivery system and

lectures.

He said that conventional methods of teaching and learning will be replaced by a flexible and technology-based approach, in accordance with changing student demographics in addition to blended learning is also used as one of the mandatory approaches with the development of digital technology.

Rasid said teaching and learning sessions not only took place in lecture rooms but also online. It also includes aspects of evaluation, assessment and scoring based on learning

outcomes.

Clearly, the new curriculum aims to reduce the burden of credit hours with more interactive, practical, and more restructured learning with focus on industrial needs.

"The 3U1i and 2U1i systems will be introduced gradually, with bachelor's degree students pursuing three or two years at university and then a year in the industry," he said.

In addition, in order to enhance infrastructure

facilities, six smart classrooms are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

He said when completed, UMS would have nine smart classes as well as the creation of learning centres in every faculty, centre and institute with complete infrastructure.

"Currently, we have three smart classes, namely in the main campus in Kota Kinabalu, Labuan international campus and at the Faculty of Sustainable Agriculture, Sandakan respectively," he said. - Bernama