

Special B40 89 graduates to receive scrolls at UMS convocation

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KOTA KINABALU: Some 89 Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) graduates under the New Enrolment Mode of the Mechanism Implementation for the 40% lowest income household will be receiving their bachelor's degree scrolls during the 20th UMS Convocation Ceremony which will be held on Nov 24-26 at UMS Chancellor Hall.

According to the UMS

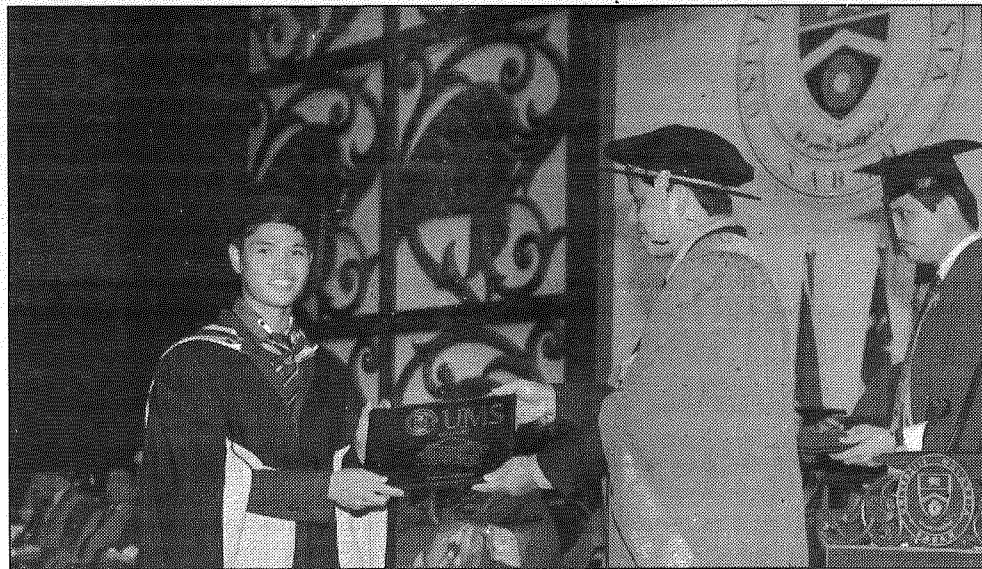
Deputy Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr. D Kamaruddin Muddin, the B40 Special team, which will be celebrated during the convocation ceremony this year, is the third team since the initiative known as 'Merubah Idea Menjadi Realiti' (MENITI) was introduced in 2013.

"Besides being a centre in spreading higher education knowledge, UMS also always prioritises the welfare and equal opportunity for the

people of Sabah. All of the students offered through the Special B40 programme are from low-waged families living in rural areas in Sabah.

"Our main objective is to prevent them from being left behind by the flow of education besides also help in self-development and to living standard improvement as well as to changing the fate of the families," he said in a statement.

Kamarudin also noted that



Kelly (left) receiving her scroll from Kamaruddin during the convocation ceremony last year.

the record of the Special B40 graduates is excellent even though many of them did not receive any offer from any universities at first.

"Through this initiative, a total of 67 persons from the first team have successfully completed their studies in

2016. Last year, we have also witnessed another graduate, Kelly Jauding completing her studies with an outstanding CGPA of 3.73. She also received the Zainal Abidin Bador Recognition Award.

"Meanwhile this year, a total of 21 graduates have also

shown exceptional achievements with an average CGPA of 3.0 and above," he added.

The 20th convocation ceremony will see 5,003 graduates in which 55 are receiving their doctorate degrees, 603 masters, 4,276 bachelor's degrees, and 69 diplomas.