



Taufiq (seated, fourth left) together with the award recipients and senior UMS officers.

UMS awards 524 for excellence, dedication

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 KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) awarded 524 academicians and staff for their excellent work and contribution throughout their years of service with the varsity for 2019 and 2020.

"This special awards ceremony is the manifestation of the university's management in providing due recognition to long-serving UMS personnel and retiring staff for their dedicated service, excellent work and contribution to the varsity," said Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin at the ceremony which was held in accordance with the standard operating procedures (SOPs).

In his speech, Dr Taufiq hoped it would maintain a culture of excellence, commitment to quality, excellence and innovation to bring the institution to greater heights.

"This year, we have introduced another award which is the 'Anugerah Sanjungan Budi' for staff with over 25 years of serving the university which involves 19 members.

"In addition, 80 recipients will be awarded the Anugerah Jasa Setia for 20 years of service while 240 people will be bestowed the Anugerah Jasa Bakti for 10 years of service," he said.

"A number of 146 staff involving various job schemes at the supportive and management level, as well as academic staff were also selected as recipients of the Excellent Service Award (APC) for 2019," said Dr Taufiq who also presented awards at the varsity's 2019-2020 Appreciation Ceremony on Tuesday.

The ceremony, which was held at the UMS events gallery, was live-streamed on its Facebook and YouTube accounts.

A total of 39 retiring staff including four personnel who had passed away during service were awarded the Anugerah Jasamu Dikenang in recognition of their dedication.

The APC recipients were each awarded with performance incentives which includes Award Certificates and RM1,000 which were credited to the recipients early

this year.

Meanwhile, Dr Taufiq reminded that civil servants are required to give their level best in serving the people during their tenure, highlighting each personnel play an important role in ensuring their duties are delivered with integrity and effectively.

"The job of a civil servant is a mandate and should be carried out sincerely and responsibly, therefore it is hoped UMS staff can maintain a high level of work ethics and deliver their duties in the best of their abilities.

"What's vitally important is to uphold integrity and excellent work ethic to ensure duties are carried out in line with vision and mission of an organisation," he said.

"I hoped you will find success, maintain good health, uphold good morals, continue working towards excellence in upholding the university's good name at the national as well as in the international level," he said when congratulating the award recipients.