

# Half of new UMS intake comprises Sabahans: VC

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 4,290 students were offered to pursue their studies at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for the New Students Enrolment Session 2020/2021.



UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin (**pic**) said the total included 2,462 students from Sabah, 1,697 from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak while 131 are international students.

He said the international students are from China, Bangladesh, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The university also welcomed 12 disabled students (OKU).

"In addition, UMS has also launched an initiative to provide offer letters for admission into the university to 111 (underprivileged) students under the B40 group statewide, through the Meniti program."

He said this in his welcoming speech to students during a live streaming on the official UMS Facebook page, here, Wednesday.

Last September, the university announced that it would postpone the

physical entry of students into its mother campus as well as branch campuses in Labuan and Sandakan, following the rise of Covid-19 cases in the State.

It said that student registration for both new and senior students, orientation week and teaching and learning activities will move online and proceed as scheduled.

As such, Taufiq encouraged the newly enrolled students to stay disciplined and committed in their studies, despite the new norms of online learning.

"Although teaching and learning will be conducted online, it is hoped that students will be able to set aside laziness and procrastination while doing assignments later.

"Give the best cooperation and commitment throughout the teaching and learning process and use each of these spaces to ask questions and interact so that no time is wasted," he stressed.

He also encouraged students to adapt to the new norms despite how challenging it may be.

"Today, we are faced with a rather challenging situation. It is hoped that the students will be able to understand the situation we are facing and be able to adapt to the new norms that we practice throughout the Recovery/Conditional Movement Control Order," he said.