

UMS' historic online 'Friendly Adjustment Week'

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology (PPST) created its own history when it held its online "Friendly Adjustment Week" for the 2020/2021 session, recently.

"The Online registration session for the new PPST students was also conducted on July 13 to July 19, involving 500 candidates who have been offered study in the programmes available at PPST," said UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

"History has also been created for the PPST where for the first time it received five international students - three from Brunei and one each from Sudan and Japan," he said.

"With the presence of students from abroad, I believe a healthy academic competition will take place, thus improving the academic status and performance of UMS Foundation Centre," he said.

He said this at the inauguration and closing of the Science Foundation Programme's Friendly Adjustment Week through a virtual platform.

He said new students should show good values as Malaysians as well as be the best role model so that Malaysia will continue to be respected and admired by foreign countries.

Meanwhile, PPST Director Associate Prof Dr Sazmal Effendi Arshad explained that the use of the online platform for the Friendly Adjustment Week is in line with the new norms being pursued in the fight against the global Covid-19 pandemic.

He said, during the Friendly Adjustment Week, students were given briefings on the basic programmes, scholarships, academic courses each program, security on campuses and laboratories, online learning and safety and post-Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

"Through this comprehensive briefing, we will ensure that students follow the SOP set by the government and the university.

"Students will be required to practice physical distancing, wearing face masks, use hand sanitisers and body temperature scanning throughout the study period in the lecture hall," he said.

He said, with the strict implementation of the SOP by the university, as well as the trust and confidence of parents, students will be able to study in a conducive, systematic, healthy and safe environment.

As of July 29, a total of 434 students have enrolled into the UMS Foundation programme of which 355 students for the Science Foundation programme, 25 in the Agri-Science programme, and 54 students in Information Technology Foundation programme.

All students have started to register on campus in stages starting Monday until August 7.