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Open your minds to the world, Unimas freshmen told

SAMARAHAN: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) freshmen have been called to open their minds and views on the world, particularly in embracing and celebrating the country's diversity in line with the 1Malaysia concept.

Its vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi said they should cooperate and learn from each other instead of being suspicious of each other, or have negative thoughts.

He said a university was a model and symbol of Malaysia's solidarity and therefore, as Unimas students, they too must uphold the varsity's traditions and image.

"Each one of you come from different school, state and family background. The language you speak may differ from others and your new environment will be different from your home.

"I hope you would feel a sense of belonging in Unimas and learn to

be diplomatic with each other and not confrontational in the past few days when you interact in the orientation session," he said.

The university had no place for students who were overshadowed by emotions, racism and political ideologies, he said at the freshmen's oath taking ceremony here yesterday.

About 700 freshmen have been accepted at Unimas's Foundation of

Science Programme for the 2013/2013 enrolment.

Mohamad Kadim said the oath-taking ceremony was not meant to tie or constrict student's freedom and creativity while studying there.

The pledge, comprising their promise to abide by the University and University College Act 1971 and all Malaysian laws, as well as maintain the varsity's good name as a guideline for students to strive for

excellence and success.

"Take this oath-taking ceremony positively and as a contract between yourself and the university that you will not waste the opportunity given by the Government and your families to further your tertiary education," he said.

He said the university also hoped to create a responsible, accountability and matured graduates, as well as agent of change in the globalised world.