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**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** Malaysia is moving towards a high income nation and enhancing the employment rate among fresh graduates.

Unimas vice chancellor Professor Dato Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaqi said the challenge now was to close the gap between the demands of industries and the knowledge and skills that graduates possess.

"We want Unimas to be continuously dynamic and as a young university, we want to ensure that the graduates are a cut above the rest.

"Unimas has always been successful in forging and encouraging partnership with communities and industries because it believes in the power of thinking forward to enable Malaysia to remain competitive in the region," he added.

He said this before the launching of Sector Focused Career Fair (SFCF): Unimas Innovation, Career and Education Fair (ICE) 2016 which was declared open by chairman of the Board of Directors of Unimas Datu Dr Hatta Solhi yesterday.

Kadim said the SFCF-ICE was a commendable effort to ensure industries and academia collaborated and contributed towards nation-building.

"Malaysia has a long way to go to achieve developed nation status, and it is crucial that all of its intellectual minds grow and collaborate with each other to enable the intensification of effort to make Malaysia where it wants to be in the eyes of the world."



Solhi (third left) presents a gift to a seminar participant while Kadim and others look on. — Photo by Mohamad Rais Sanusi

He said graduates' employability was a global issue, and many aspects of living and learning in this complex digital world were affecting the way perceptions and decisions were made by employers and graduates alike.

Kadim said SFCF-ICE had stepped a little higher this year as it continued to stand as one of the largest career fairs of its kind in Borneo.

"Last year, the fair attracted more than 7,000 visitors and I

believe SFCF Unimas ICE 2016 is capable of attracting more participants this year."

Kadim also thanked TalentCorp Malaysia, the participating exhibitors and supportive sponsors, who have come forward to offer a helping hand to nurture and grow.

He congratulated the committee members of SFCF ICE 2016 for making it possible to handle a notable event for their friends and colleagues in Unimas.

Deputy vice chancellor of Students Welfare and Alumni Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman, deputy vice-chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Kopli Bujang, deputy vice-chancellor (Academic, International) Professor Dr Wan Hashim Wan Ibrahim and head of Malaysia Talent Development Graduate Employability of TalentCorp Siti Norliza Mohd Sahar were also present.