

# Unimas seeks cooperation with multinationals

KOTA SAMARAHAN, Fri. - Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) today invited multinational companies involved in the electrical field to have joint-cooperation in providing training and education to meet the needs for skilled manpower in the country.

Unimas Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Yusuf Hadi said, the university welcomed cooperation from any companies in the field of electronic like those operating in Sama Jaya Free Trade Industrial Zone.

"Such cooperation is important to create understanding which could stimulate the growth of technology-based activities and help Malaysia achieve Vision 2020 objective," he said.

He added Unimas is keen to have joint programme with any firms, especially those near the campus in Kota Samarahan.

At present, he said, the university has close cooperation with Komag USA (Malaysia) Sdn which is operating at Sama Jaya Free Trade Industrial Zone at Muara Tabuan, in Kuching.

Yusuf said this when speaking at the certificate presentation ceremony for 23 participants of Unimas-Komag Manufacturing Technology course here this morning.

The group which received the certificates today was the second batch after the one who received theirs in February this year.

All the participants were Komag technicians who took part in the one-year course which started on July last year.

According to Yusuf, the programme will be a catalyst to instil positive thinking among the technicians, beside upgrading their knowledge and skills which will later benefit Komag.

He said Komag deserved to be congratulated for its vision in preparing a training programme for its

workers.

"I further congratulate you for your vision to work with Unimas to conduct this training programme," he added.

The programme, he said, will enhance Komag's capability and help it to achieve better and higher quality performance in future for the benefit of both the state and the country.

Yusuf also commended Unimas' Faculty of Engineering for establishing such cooperation.

He said the Faculty has had many similar cooperation with local industries ranging from construction, telecommunication, electronic, automobile, oil and gas and manufacturing.

Meanwhile, Managing Director of Komag USA (Malaysia) Sdn, Kevin Tompkins said, the technicians will form part of the company's backbone in its commitment to deliver the best.

He said their participation in the programme reflected Komag's seriousness to stay competitive in the era of modern technology.

With future expansion being planned for Komag in this country, he said, it ought to be prepared and equipped its workers with all the available technology.

When congratulating the technicians, he said, their success in the programme reflected their commitment to the company too.

"You have made a commitment to us, and we have made our commitment to you, so with our knowledge, your knowledge, your application, your training, you now can compete with the world market," he added.

Tompkins also expressed his gratitude to Unimas for the cooperation and the successful completion of the course by Komag's second batch of trainees.

Also present was the Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Mohamad Kadim Suaidi. - BP