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**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) plans to increase programmes offered from 30 to 50 programmes in the eight existing faculties by the year 2015 which was the goal for various courses' expansion in the university.

From year to year, students keep rising in number and it was time for the UNIMAS to provide more courses for them so more professionals and intellectuals can be produced here in the local university itself.

UNIMAS Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Khairuddin Abdul Hamid announced this yesterday in conjunction with 2012 Message of Vice-Chancellor Ceremony in the Hall of Putra Tunku Abdul Rahman (DeTAR PUTRA), UNIMAS, here.

"UNIMAS is required to go through transformation from time to time so that we are not left out."

"Last year UNIMAS gained its own accolade for being listed within the top 200 best Asian universities; it was an achievement and from there, I see there is no reason why we can not do better," he said.

Khairuddin said there were three reasons why UNIMAS needed to upgrade themselves; namely as the world has changed, higher education landscape in Malaysia was transformed and UNIMAS should do better from time to time. Once, an under-developed or developing countries in Asia was rising high with their own specialties for instance, he said China was rising to have equal power as United State, India was competitive enough in the globe by producing skillful and expert labour power and Korea and Japan remained their high status of producing undefeated technology for the world.



A LARGE number of UNIMAS lecturers, staff and Master Degree students are present at the ceremony of Vice-Chancellor's Message 2012 yesterday at the Hall of Putra Tunku Abdul Rahman.

"The world's greatest hand-phone at the moment is Samsung and Iphone's best is Motorola; these are the world's top two tele-communication devices that have got us innovated and they have transformation experience to bring out the best," he illustrated adding that UNIMAS needed to learn from the best example and no doubt, they are doing so from time to time.

He expressed his gratitude and appreciation towards the researchers and lecturers who excel in five fields that make UNIMAS known to the world namely Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, Emerging Tropical Infectious Disease, ICT Development, Renewable and Green Energy and Industrial Design.

The Malaysia government

has invested RM 460 million and with the collaboration of Japanese government which invested RM581 million, he said UNIMAS has almost complete facilities to develop students and research values of studies with great future ahead and it all required the effort of manpower now.

He then disclosed that UNIMAS was slowly gaining

popularity in the world where the international students began to enroll in larger number citing in 2010 whereby there were only 20 foreign students, but now it has increased to 169 students from 27 countries.

He hoped that before 2015, UNIMAS could achieve its goal of making the campus with the status of Educational University that is known globally.