Academic certificate alone not enough, says Prof

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KUCHING: Graduates who fail to secure a job after graduation is still the main issue in the country.

This issue had in fact become an important and critical issue for every graduate in Malaysia and in the the world as there is not enough job for the increasing number of graduates.

It has been labeled as the Critical Agenda Programme by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) which has been given a serious attention by the ministry and government.

In the government efforts to curb unemployment among graduates, various entrepreneurship programmes had been held by institutes of higher learning to expose graduates with entrepreneurship in the effort to create creativity to look out for job opportunities among students.

This was said by Vice Chancellor of Students' Affairs and Alumni, Unimas, Prof Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman during the opening ceremony of K4U Carnival 2012 at DeTar Putra Hall, Unimas, on Tuesday in conjunction with Unimas's 20th year anniversary.

"Now we can no longer blame the university alone for not doing enough work to prepare the students for employment.

"In today's era, where securing a job is very competitive, those who can perform and present themselves well will get the job. This is what we called 'survival of the fittest,'" Fadzil said.

Fadzil also said that an academic certificate alone was not enough to secure a job but it was the soft-skills and the students' ability to show their skills and specialty will determine their jobs.

Hence, the 4-day carnival which started from yesterday, 28 Nov to 1 Dec will introduce various job opportunities by government and private agencies regarding job employment for the students.

The carnival combines four types of carnival namely Career (Kerjaya), Entrepreneurship (Keusahawanan), Co-Curriculum (Ko-Kurikulum) and Spirituality (Kerohanian).

"It is hoped that this carnival will act as a strong bridge to build close ties with the community and the industry in a systematic and well-planned way," Fadzil added.

The carnival is open from 9.00am to 11.00pm everyday for 4 days.