

PTPTN LOANS: PAY UP SO OTHERS CAN STUDY TOO

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Taib presenting a scroll to a graduate.



Taib speaking to Jabu before the convocation ceremony.

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Graduates are told to pay up their National Higher Education Fund (PTPTN) loans so others in need can also enjoy the benefit.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) vice-chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi said by fulfilling their promise to pay back the loan, they were giving others the opportunity to be successful like them.

“After you graduate, do keep your promise to settle the PTPTN loan so that others can also benefit from the facility.

“When you give others the opportunity, you are also helping yourself to be more successful,” he told the 464 graduates at the 19th Unimas convocation yesterday.

Head of State Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud who is the university's chancellor and pro-chancellor Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu were among those present.

Kadim encouraged the graduates to pursue their studies to the highest level possible.

Taib meanwhile said Unimas had emerged to be one of the most prestigious universities in the country and produced a large number of graduates because of support from academicians not bound by the framework of conventional academic disciplines, but explore knowledge until they became famous in their field of knowledge.

“It has become a renowned and successful university in the world because of planning and innovation in achieving its direction. Innovations can strengthen the paradigm shift of change,” he added.

Taib advised the graduates to make full use of the knowledge gained during their years in the university for their betterment, never stop exploring knowledge, and remain proactive and innovative to stay ahead in a dynamic world.

A total of 291 students graduated from the Engineering Faculty while 173 from the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology yesterday.

The convocation ceremony for 3,919 graduates began on Nov 14 and ended yesterday.