



Unimas receives recognition in many fields, says Vice Chancellor

KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) has been internationally recognised for its research in a number of fields including on the vaccine for diseases such as dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis.

Vice Chancellor Professor Yusuf Hadi revealed this during the launch of the Convention Fiesta 2002 and the University's Celebration of One Decade of Excellence at the university. The university has also been credited for the production of environmental-friendly plastic from the sago starch as well as the information and communication technology linking the remote areas with the main stream.

The success was the result of numerous researches conducted in the Unimas' main fields like bio-medicine, environmental and bio-diversity science, ICT, and economy and social science, he said.

Yusuf revealed that Unimas academicians had also contributed to the industries and the community through consultancy service and publication of numerous researches.

Attributing the strength of the university to the Environmental Impact Assessment

for the Bakun hydroelectric project in the 1990's, Yusuf added that the other successes included the initiative to promote racial integration among the students, usage of ICT and internet by the staff in performing the daily duties as well as in teaching-learning. The university also has successfully obtained the ISO 9002 : 1994 for its administration.

He pointed out that one decade was a short duration for an institution (by Dec 2002, Unimas would be 10 years old)

He, however, added that the achievements for the past 10 years had helped in establishing the university as an internationally acclaimed centre of higher education.

In term of teaching and learning he disclosed, Unimas had successfully offered 39 undergraduate programmes, six coursework-based master-degree programmes and also research-based postgraduate programmes based in all faculties and centres.

A total of 3,547 students had successfully completed their various courses in the undergraduate, the postgraduate and the Phd programmes.