

Youths told to be prepared for future challenges

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Housing Minister Dato Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg said the younger generation must equip itself with various knowledge and skills in preparing for the future.

He said the future was expected to be full of challenges and uncertainties which the younger generation must be able to cope with.

“Challenges and changes are inevitable, which require the younger generation, being the future leaders of the country, to be well prepared and well-equipped with multiple skills and knowledge,” the minister stressed

He added that social and political changes were inevitable which called for the younger generation to be able to manage and cope with them.

He said this when officiating at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) Students Award Night at the old campus here Saturday.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dr Khairuddin Ab Hamid was among those present.

The minister pointed out that among the challenges would be social impact brought about by technological advancement, adding that the younger generation should have a clear vision to contribute towards the state and country.

Johari also said as a state cabinet minister he was proud of Unimas which according to him had a high level of creativity.

He said Unimas had a huge potential to become successful in all aspects.

“Being a minister from Sarawak, I’m proud of you (Unimas). I hope that you can grow and make the state a force to be reckoned with,” he pointed out.

He urged students of the university to continue striving and make full use of their study time to become well rounded graduates and eventually contribute significantly towards the progress of the state and country.

Earlier Dr Khairuddin said the event was an annual activity of the university to give recognition to students who had contributed aggressively towards the development of the university and those who were successful in co-curricular and academic activities.