Academic integrity a culture to be developed

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KUCHING: Academic integrity aspect is a commitment that is required to be developed so that it would have positive impact towards the research papers and also as publishing materials.

Lecturer of Language Studies Centre at the University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Dr Ting Su Hie said in academic research world, existed knowledge was the priority and would become the key towards the discovery of new knowledge.

"Any disciplinary offences in scientific research and publication will be the obstacles of certain field's development. "Plagiarism and cheating in the research will put everyone involved from student to university management into trouble," she said.

Dr Ting added that, the culture of integrity was required to be adopted by academicians to ensure their works were genuine and it could lead toward the top quality work of research.

Ting said plagiarism in the research paper could put the academicians into big trouble.

"Academician who conducts plagiarism can be prosecuted as criminal in the academic world," she said.

"Plagiarism in the research means using the idea or the works of other researchers to express the ownership of the user without crediting the researcher," she pointed out.

Dr Ting made the comments in conjunction with academic integrity and plagiarism in Sarawak State Library, here yesterday.