Convocation

High-competence graduates have advantages in marketability

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KUANTAN, 17 March 2022 - Graduates with high competence by mastering various languages, self-confidence, can communicate well and can operate high-tech equipment have the advantage of gaining a place in the job market.

According to the UMP Pro-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dato' Sri (Dr.) Abi Musa Asaari Mohamed Nor, the Department of Statistics Malaysia recorded 190,436 employment opportunities in December 2021, 69% of which were based on TVET and 19% in the manufacturing sector.

"The Malaysian government has also announced three JaminKerja initiatives, namely the JaminKerja Wage Incentive, Malaysia Short Term Employment Program (MySTEP) and Upskilling and Reskilling Programme to revive the national economy to create 600,000 job opportunities," he said during the first session of the 15th UMP Convocation Ceremony today.

He said that all the initiatives should be supported to ensure that the goal of reducing the unemployment rate to below four percent is achieved.

"Besides, understanding the current economic situation and reality, the current workforce needs to challenge your competitiveness as graduates.

"In fact, I realise that all graduates must be very excited if they are appointed as young professionals after graduating, but penetrating the career realm is not easy.

"The actual abilities and competencies of graduates will be tested and evaluated.

"Therefore, graduates must carry out the responsibilities entrusted with the synergy of knowledge, technical and soft skills, and pure personality in line with the National Education Philosophy," he said.

He also congratulated the graduands in the first session consisting of doctoral, master's, bachelor's and dual degree students for their success.

Meanwhile, the convocation ceremony also awarded Anugerah Pelajaran Diraja (Pingat Jaya Cemerlang) to Nurain Rozi from the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Automotive Engineering, a collaboration programme with Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

She also received the Dual Degree Prize of Excellence from the Association of German Engineers (VDI).

Also receiving Pingat Jaya Cemerlang was Ashviny a/p Murugan from Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Pharmaceuticals) with Honours from the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering Technology (FTKKP).

A total of 3,556 graduands including 37 recipients of awards and prizes of excellence were celebrated at the 15th UMP Convocation Ceremony which is scheduled to last for four days starting today until 20 March at Dewan Jubli Perak Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Kuantan.

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