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Press Release

New Student Admission to UNIMAS Centre for Pre-University Studies for Cohort-13, 2022/23 Academic Session

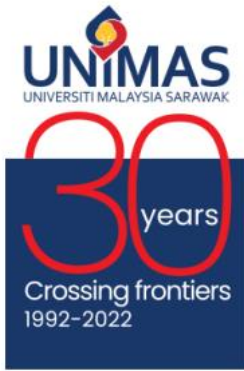
KOTA SAMARAHAN, August 4th, 2022 – Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) has welcomed 715 new students to the Centre for Pre-University Studies, UNIMAS (PPPU), who have recently taken an oath during *Majlis Ikrar Pelajar* (MIP). This momentous ceremony was conducted physically at Dewan Tunku Abdul Rahman PUTRA UNIMAS in conjunction with *Majlis Aluan Pelajar* (MAP) for 2022/2023 academic session. The oath taking ceremony was witnessed by the Vice Chancellor of UNIMAS, Ybhg Prof Dato' Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, and the members of UNIMAS Council of Deans. The MAP program was conducted from August 2 until August 4, 2022.

For this 2022/2023 academic session, the MAP program was carried out in a hybrid mode which required all students to participate in activities via an online platform from various locations on campus. These activities included briefings on campus facilities and services as well as motivational speeches from experts from UNIMAS.

PPPU offers three academic programs, namely the Life Science Foundation Program, the Physical Science Foundation Program and the most recent, the International Foundation in Science (IFS) Program, which obtained its full accreditation in 2020. All three programs include two semesters of teaching and learning as a preparation for the students to pursue their degree level studies in UNIMAS through the programs offered in each faculty.

In the previous cohort, PPPU has successfully implemented the concept of blended learning, which is a combination of face -to -face and online learning. This blended learning has significantly fostered students' adaptation to the changing patterns of education in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the many challenges faced, a total of 675 students have successfully completed their studies at PPPU in the 2021/22 academic session.

As one of the leading centres of science and technology in Borneo, PPPU has always been committed to playing its role in promoting excellence in the field of STEM education. This is evident when PPPU has successfully organized the Scienceploration Camp which was held for the first time in 2016. This program is in line with the implementation of the Malaysian Education Blueprint 2013-2025 in reinforcing the field of STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). To further emphasise PPPU's commitment, Scienceploration Camp was once again, successfully held on the 23rd July this year.



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PPPU is steadfast in nurturing human capital in a holistic approach and it has succeeded in producing students who possess unmatched qualities at the bachelor's degree level. This is possible because of the learning and teaching approaches practised, which are not only exam-oriented, but also expose the students to the values of leadership, teamwork, effective communication, and community.

On top of that, graduates from PPPU are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to empower the field of science and technology which is in line with the Industrial Revolution 4.0, to become more competitive and resilient in facing the challenges of the digitalization era.

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