University students were reminded to live a meaningful and fruitful life in campus in their pursuit of personal excellence, academic distinction and of them having clear aspirations.

This was because a university was a place of self-intellectualism where they could become persons who would be able to contribute to their religion, race and nation.

With the setting of the higher education and job market getting increasingly challenging, and with the global economy being highly competitive, they should look into mental and physical alertness in determining their standard of performance to become competent and competitive university students.

This was the message driven home by UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim in his speech to new intakes of 2016/2017 session during the induction week (MINDS) held at the university’s Sports Complex here recently.

A total of 2,471 undergraduates including 574 diploma students took their oaths, making their pledge to strive for excellence and glory before the Vice-Chancellor and University Senate members.

They were led by undergraduate Zairil Ashriq Mohd Zailani of Mechanical Engineering Faculty.

Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said with such demanding environment, the reality of the job market was seen as becoming more aggressive and it was best for them to explore the state of having good mental and