
Instead, he said they should equip themselves with other skills and not rely solely on academic achievement to improve their marketability.

“Students should enhance their skills in public speaking, in critical and creative thinking as well as boost self-confidence to enter the workforce.

“At the same time, do not forget manners and morals. Be good to one another and study diligently, ” he said in his speech when opening “Jom Masuk IPT” programme at Universiti Malaysia Pahang’s Gambang campus here.
Also present were Pahang Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail and UMP vice-chancellor Prof Dr Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff.

He also congratulated UMP management and administration for the university’s success and hoped they would remain committed for the sake of the future generation.

“The rise and fall of our country lies with the youth of today and the government is responsible for ensuring that all universities and institutions of higher learning have the best infrastructure, including in terms of teaching force so that the learning and research process can run smoothly,” he said.

Tengku Hassanal urged the relevant parties to improve the marketability of graduates by focusing on quality over quantity, and striking a balance between theory and practice. The two-day programme included 100 exhibitors, including 20

public universities as well as private higher education institutions, polytechnics, community colleges and public skills training institutions. The programme, which was previously held in Johor would head to several other states before ending in Serdang, Selangor.

The programme targets a total of 200,000 visitors. — Bernama