



UCSI's oath to serve students

FINAL-year pharmacy students of UCSI University took the "Oath of a Pharmacist" during the university's Pharmacy Night at a resort in Bukit Jalil.

The oath-taking session, led by Jason Lee, was taken before Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society president Datuk Nancy Ho, UCSI University dean of medical sciences Professor Dr Jammal Ahmad Essa and lecturers from the School of Pharmacy.

The students pledged to devote their professional life to serve national and international healthcare communities and apply their knowledge and skills to the best of their ability.

Ho praised the keenness shown by students to learn and serve society.

"Graduates should continue to gain knowledge through life-long learning."

She encouraged them to follow the "Blue Ocean" strategy promoted by the university, especially in research and development.

"Always think out of the box and do not be too eager to follow conventional methods."

Ho expressed her eagerness to work with the university to maintain and uphold the quality and professionalism of its pharmacy programme.

Pharmacy graduates from UCSI Uni-

versity will join a booming industry which the government has targeted would produce more than 8,000 pharmacists by next year, with a ratio of at least one pharmacist to 3,600 people. By 2020, Malaysia hopes to achieve a ratio of 1:1,600.

Lee said he was impressed with the university's efforts in enforcing high standards for the pharmacy programme.

"I believe that those who graduate after our batch will be of an even higher quality, having the advantage of new resources made available at the university."

He said the university's pharmacy programme was different from similar programmes offered at other institutions.

"I believe that the subjects we took during our fourth year, which includes problem-based learning (PBL), make all the difference."

UCSI University is among the few that practise PBL.

Alumnus Chia Peng Keng, who was invited to share his experience as a pharmacist at Kuala Lumpur Hospital, said the most important lesson one could learn in working life was humility.

Those interested in finding out about the programme can attend open days at the university on June 27 and 28.

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UCSI students taking the 'Oath of Pharmacy' recently.