KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will have its own teaching hospital by 2021, said its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin.

Kamarudin said work on the RM652-million hospital located on a 110,851 sq metre of land in the university’s main campus, began in December last year.

He added that the hospital is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is scheduled to launch the hospital construction project today.

Kamarudin told Bernama the hospital would benefit the local people, especially in Sepanggar as well as Sabah in general.