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KOTA KINABALU: Three new buildings are up and running at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) campus here to cater to the growing student population as well as to provide a better study environment.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon, said the Dewan Kuliah Pusat I, Post-graduate Study Centre and Medical School were built at a cost of RM420.6 million.

The new Dewan Kuliah Pusat has a total of 20 course rooms and an examination hall that can help reduce night classes and examination periods, he said.

He said having produced more than 30,000 graduates since its establishment about 15 years ago, the university is committed to see to the creation of more human capital with the assistance of the Government.

“The Government has spent about RM3 billion for the physical development of UMS, and thus far, we are happy to see that more and more choose to further their studies here,” he said at the project handing over ceremony in UMS, Tuesday.

Kamaruzaman said the post-graduate study centre comes equipped with the latest facilities that are crucial for study, research as well as for teaching.

“The Medical School, on the other hand, allows medical students to study at their own course rooms and have their own facilities.

“They are at the moment sharing facilities at the Science and Technology School as well as the Engineering and Information Technology School,” he explained.

Meanwhile, Public Works Department Deputy Director-General (Business Sector) Dato’ Mohamad Husin welcomed feedback and suggestions from the Higher Education Ministry on the completed buildings.

“All imperfections will be looked into by our contractors within the two-year defect repair period.

“I want all complaints filed within these two years to be looked into and solved immediately,” he said.

His speech was delivered by a representative from the department, Mamman K. T. George.

Higher Education Ministry General Secretary, Datuk Abd Rahim Md Noor, was also present during the event.