KOTA KINABALU: A RM172.2 million project featuring among other facilities a medical centre and a 27-storey student tower will be carried out at Alamesra near here starting early next year.

The new development to be known as UMSLink International Precinct will be developed by GoldenMas Development Sdn Bhd and leased to UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd, the commercial arm of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd director, Professor Dr Roselina Ahmad Saufi told press members following the signing of a purchase and sales agreement between land owner, Lintasan Mayang Development Sdn Bhd and GoldenMas Development Sdn Bhd yesterday that the project is expected to be completed by 2015.

GoldenMas Development Sdn Bhd will be constructing a five-storey UMS Link tower, a seven storey boutique hotel, a two block of medical centre and another building to house other facilities such as shopping lots and libraries.

"The medical centre will offer general medical services and will house 100 beds while the boutique hotel shall have 74 rooms," she said.

Once completed, the property will then be leased to UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd for a total of RM700,000 million during the duration of 30 years by the developer.

"After the 30 years period is over, the property will be transferred to UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd," she said.

She explained that they hope to house UMS' international students at the precinct once the project is completed.

At the same time, the venue will also become venue for training the university's hospitality and medical students, she said.

Also present at the ceremony yesterday were Group chairman of UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd, Datuk K.Y. Mustafa, Lintasan Mayang Development Sdn Bhd's Executive director, Eddie Chai and GoldenMas Development Sdn Bhd directors, Lee Ah Soo @ Lee Ah Leh and Mustafa Kamil Mohamed.

Dr Roselina showing an artist's impression of the UMSLink International Precinct.