KENINGAU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has already submitted their application to the Land & Survey Department for the land where the proposed UMS Campus at Apin-Apin is to be built.

Deputy Chancellor Brig Jen Prof Datuk Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon disclosed this to the media Friday during its 1UMS Together with the People Programme 2012 held at Kampung Bayangan near here.

However, he said the application for the land was sent only about two weeks ago at the urging of the Apin-Apin Town Development committee chairman Datuk John Angian so that the building of the campus can start.

The 1UMS programme was officiated by the State Assemblyman for Liawan Datuk Haji Sairin Haji Kurno at the newly constructed Dr Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon Mini Library.

On the establishment of the mini library, Kamaruzaman said it will serve as the centre for the transformation of the people mindset, especially those at Kampung Bayangan.

“Transformation of mindset at an early age is important for the children as they could obtain the latest information from this mini library,” he said.

Kamaruzaman said, “Through this village mini library, UMS will continue to disseminate the latest information and news.”

He also said that other than establishing this mini library, UMS has also implemented the programme Pupuk where UMS students were brought to villages in the rural areas to expose them to the village environment and culture, and also to do community service for the people.

Kamaruzaman said this programme had been carried out five years ago where UMS students were sent to Kampung Sikuati in the Kudat district.

“We brought our students from the School of Medicine to Kampung Sikuati and they carried out health-related services there,” he added.

“For the long-term planning, we will continue to send our students from other schools in UMS such as the Faculty of Foods, Faculty of Social Science and others to give community services to the villages they are sent to,” he further said.