

UMS urged to offer diploma in creative

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TAWAU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has been urged to offer a creative writing course at diploma level to produce competent writers to help boost development in the State.

In making the suggestion, State Assistant Minister for Resource Development



and Information Technology Datuk Hamisa Samat (pic) said UMS could do this in collaboration with the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP).

She said efforts must be made to document the rich natural resources, flora and fauna and history of Sabah for future generations.

"Maybe, the time has come for the Sabah branch of DBP and UMS to work together and set up a creative writing course at diploma level for students with the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM)," she said when launching a book-writing competition, here, Tuesday night. Also present was Sabah DBP Director Jamaluddin Mohd Sulong.

Hamisa, who is the State Assemblyman for Tanjung Batu, said Sabah had many creative writers who had contributed to the growth of general knowledge and literature.

In this regard, she said, a continuation of the roles of the local writers was apt in the socio-cultural development of Sabah to face global challenges in the future.

Meanwhile, Jamaluddin said Sabah DBP would redouble its efforts to produce more general reading books in the state this year.