YS, UMS to provide pre-school teaching courses

By YATIM TAUBATAL ANDAM
KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. – The Sabah Foundation will be working together with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in providing courses on pre-school teaching, beginning next year.

Such cooperation could greatly improve the standard of child development and education in Sabah, and Malaysia as a whole, Foundation Director Datuk Musa Aman said, today.

He was optimistic that UMS could serve as an alternative towards improving the quality and image of teachers by providing certificate courses on pre-school teaching.

He said this while officiating at a certificate presentation ceremony at the Sabah Foundation mini theatre for 39 youths who had completed their six-month course on pre-school teaching.

According to him, the foundation’s Child Development Centre was prepared to work with the UMS in all aspects of child development in view of the latter’s well equipped facilities.

In this respect, the Ministry of Education had approved an application by UMS to offer courses in Pre-School Teaching to a higher level, he said.

This will include diploma and degree courses through twinning programmes with local universities offering similar courses.

Musa also stressed on the importance of early child development, saying that this would prepare the child for their next steps into the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
UMS wujud maknal saham bersama syarikat broker

KOTA KINABALU, Khamis - Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) hari ini menjadi institusi pengajian tinggi ayang pertama di negara ini mewujudkan makmal saham bersama sebuah syarikat broker saham di sini.

Pengwujudan makmal saham di kampus universiti itu merupakan sebahagian daripada hasil memorandum persefahaman (MoU) dan perjanjian kerjasama selama lima tahun antara UMS dan Innosabah Securities Sdn Bhd (Innosabah) yang ditandatangani di sini, hari ini.

Naib Canselor universiti itu, Datuk Dr Abu Hassan Othman berkata, Innosabah akan menyediakan kemudahan komputer bagi makmal itu yang akan membolehkan para pelajar dan pensyarah di universiti tersebut membuat pengetahuan dan pelatihan yang berkaitan dengan industri dan juga saham.

"Sebuah perpustakaan penyelidikan berkaitan saham yang memuatkan semua analisis para pelajarnya juga akan ditubuhkan," katanya pada majlis menandatangani memorandum itu yang diajukan oleh Pembantu Menteri Kewangan, Datuk Karim Bajang.

Pengarah Eksekutif Innosabah, Encik Faidzan Hassan, dalam ucapannya berkata, "Penyertaan Innosabah itu adalah sebahagian daripada hasilnya untuk menyumbang ke arah pembangunan pendidikan di negeri ini.

Dr Abu Hassan berkata, "Penyertaan Innosabah dalam program UMS ini akan memberi pendedahan yang luas dan diharap membantu menghasilkan graduan UMS yang mempunyai kelebihan berbanding graduan universiti yang lain," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pada peringkat awal seramai 110 orang pelajar sekolah perniagaan dan ekonomi UMS terbabit dalam program kerjasama tersebut yang bermula pada semester 1 sesi akademik 1996/97.

"Jumlah itu dijangka meningkat kepada 600 pelajar dalam tempoh lima tahun," katanya.
KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. — University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and InnoSabah Securities Sdn Bhd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and agreement to jointly synergistically share resources.

The signing of the MoU will pave the way for both parties to develop UMS students practical skills in industry which could be extended further to promote joint research activities and sharing resources.

Under the agreement, the cooperation hopes to develop UMS undergraduates investment skills via the programmes offered by the School of Business and Economics (SBE) of the University whereby InnoSabah provides the advisory and technical support services.

Finance Minister Datuk Ghapur Salleh in his speech read out by his assistant, Datuk Karim Bujang said Sabah lacks manpower in the stocks and finance field.

He said since the country is developing rapidly, it would be a loss to the State if professionals in the field are not groomed.

He said the State Government had spent RM442.7 million in 1993 itself for education which reflects its commitment in training skilled workers.

Meanwhile, InnoSabah Executive Director Faidzan Hassan said the cooperation signifies the company's commitment to develop local experts in the securities and investment-related fields in Sabah.

"The incorporation of UMS fits into our plan to build local expertise in securities and investment by enhancing the value-added features of the University's investment curriculum," he said.
KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Chase Perdana Bhd has been awarded the contract for the construction of phase one of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS), it was announced here today.

It said in a statement to the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange here construction would be implemented on a turnkey basis by Chase Perdana which will have a 60 percent equity in a consortium.

Phase one of the fast track project included infrastructure works, mosque building, big hall, administration building, library, student service centre, four main lecture theatres, academic building and hostels for 3,000 students.

The faculty facilities which are to be completed are School of Science and Technology, School of Economics and Business, School of Social Sciences, School of Engineering and Information Technology, School of Education and Social Development, Centre of Knowledge and Language Upgrading, Institute of Borneo Marine Research, and Institute of Tropical Biology.

Chase Perdana said it was in the process of negotiating and finalising this award with the relevant authorities.

The contract sum would be finalised soon and the profits generated would have a significant effect on the company's earnings, it added.

Meanwhile, Ekovest Bhd announced that it has been awarded three contracts worth a total of RM85.704 million and received a Letter of Award from the Economic Planning Unit for the construction of Phase 1 of University Malaysia Sabah on a turnkey basis.

The other contract, worth RM15.764 million, was for Package 3 (B) Section 1 - Bridge Works from Pelabuhan Utara Interchange to West Y junction.

Ekovest had requested for the requotation of its shares which had been suspended since Aug 8. Its pre-suspension price was RM13.40. - Bernama
UMS squatters agree to move for RM5,000 payouts

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KOTA KINABALU, Wed – Plans to set up the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) permanent campus at Likas Bay are in progress, including removing 107 squatter families from the area.

UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Abu Hassan Othman said the university’s master plan, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and soil survey had been completed to facilitate commencement of the project.

According to him, the squatters had agreed to vacate the site upon compensation of RM5,000 per family by the university, after being confirmed as locals by the Kota Kinabalu Municipal Council.

He said this after briefing Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee who visited the temporary campus at Menggatal, this afternoon.

Abu Hassan said construction of the permanent campus is expected to start next month and the first phase was scheduled for completion in 1998.

Earlier, he told the Chief Minister that only 131 of the total 1,422 students were accorded scholarships by the State Government and State foundations.

Of the number, 45 students were given scholarships by the State Establishment Department, followed by the State Government (38), Sabah Foundation (10), Sarawak Foundation (4), Johor Foundation (1), Perak Foundation (1), Kedah Foundation (2), Federal Land Development Authority (1) and Petronas (15).

UMS had carried out various research programmes, including psychology, business and economics as well as a marine project involving RM1 million, with a contribution of RM52,232 from the Darwin Institute in London.

In addition, UMS had forged close cooperations in various fields of studies with several institutes of high learning at home and abroad under the Rangkaian Bijak (Wise Network) concept involving health and economy, he said.

These included the University of Malaya, Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health and Innoasabah.