Lodging for 1,776 UMS students solved

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 1,776 Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students will be accommodated at Taman Indah Permai at Sepangar Bay, 16 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu.

UMS is currently renting 296 double-storey terraced units as temporary accommodations for its students, under a Memorandum of Understanding signed recently with the developer Wilakaya Sdn Bhd.

Wilakaya, a subsidiary of the Wah Mie Sdn Bhd Group, is carrying out the Taman Indah Permai housing project involving 741 units, in collaboration with the Sabah Housing and Town Development Authority, over a total area of 100 acres at the cost of RM100 million.

According to Wilakaya general manager Kong Kok Wah, about 90 per cent of the project had been completed and sold.

The 276 units being rented out to UMS was built within one year at the cost of RM40 million, he said.

Most of the UMS students began moving into their new homes on Sunday.

Kong said the project would be a self-contained community, with 50 double-storey shoplots for the convenience of the residents.

The company also planned to build another 300 terraced units in the same area, to eventually increase the number to 1,230 units, he said.