

UMS gets RM3 million for water supply project

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KOTA KINABALU: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Wednesday announced a RM3 million allocation to fund the internal water resource supply innovation project in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

He disclosed this during 'Temu Anwar' (Meet Anwar) programme at the university after receiving questions and suggestions from a student leader during the engagement session attended by thousands of students and youth representatives.

The student said she is representing UMS students who are having problem with their daily routine in the campus due to the water shortage problem in the past many months.

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The internal water resource supply innovation project at UMS will involve gravity water, underground water and rainwater.

The project will be carried out by a team led by deputy vice-chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Rosalam Sarbatly, together with the UMS Development and Maintenance Department (JPP), as well as experts and academicians from the UMS Faculty of Engineering.

UMS is facing a water supply issue at its campus, affecting not only the students but also the staff.

In the nearly two-hour programme co-organised by UMS

and Anwar Ibrahim Club (AIC), the Prime Minister answered dozens of questions from the floor related to current affairs including job opportunities, logistic and issues among students with disabilities.

To a question related to less job opportunities after graduating, Anwar said students need to focus on their studies first as he is trying his best to boost the economy, so that more jobs will be available for the young people.

During his closing remarks, Anwar said his hope is very high for the young generation to determine that Malaysia is on the right track to become a great country. Also present at the programme was Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Hajiji Noor.



The Prime Minister addressing students and youth representatives at 'Temu Anwar' programme.