

UMS and UTP sign MoU to strengthen modules

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At the event, Petronas also announced that over 100 Sabahan top achievers for SPM 2021 have been offered the Petronas Education Sponsorship Programme (PESP) this year. Since 2003, 568 outstanding Sabahan students, including 177 currently in the programme, have benefitted from sponsorships valued at RM53.2 million, to pursue a range of subjects at UTP and other renowned universities locally and abroad.

Meanwhile, Universiti Malaysia Sabah and UTP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly strengthen their energy-related

modules based on industry needs, and to raise the intake of Sabahan students in technical subjects.

A second MoU was also signed between Petronas Global Technical Solutions Sdn Bhd and Sabah Energy Corporation Sdn Bhd to collaborate in the areas of technical capability building and programme certification towards nurturing technically competent and skilled talent in the energy industry.

Masidi told reporters later that the setting up of a Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) branch in Sabah will be able to speed up the move to create more graduates in the oil and gas (O&G) sector here.

In proposing this, he said the state is more than ready to discuss with Petronas over the matter.

Masidi added that while nothing was formally discussed, they hoped to see Yayasan Sabah take up the task of creating a proposal to be forwarded to the national oil company.

"I asked Yayasan Sabah if they can use their campus in Sembulan as a proposed site since all facilities are ready there.

"What is needed is to introduce courses related to O&G. I think the Petronas side is open to discussions.

"But finally, it is up to Yayasan Sabah to fine-tune the proposal and see if it is in line with Petronas' plan in Sabah," he said.