

Varsity urged to submit application

# 80 acres in Apin-Apin for proposed UMS campus

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**KENINGAU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has been urged to submit its land application to the Land and Survey Department office here so that the construction of its proposed campus in Apin-Apin, near here, can begin.

Former Deputy Speaker and Apin-Apin Town Management Committee Chairman, Datuk John Angian, said during the committee meeting recently that all of its members have unanimously agreed that a 80-acre land be allocated for the purpose.

The land was originally planned to be kept as a grazing reserve, he said, adding the people in Apin-Apin welcome the plan and for that reason "we have decided that an additional 50 acres be added to the initial 30 acres identified by the Government for the campus."

"The decision to build a UMS campus in Apin-Apin is not new to us, because even the Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, the assemblymen as well as UMS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Kamarulzaman Amping have repeatedly announced it in the recent past," he said.



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"As community leaders here, it has since become our main objective to see that the announcement becomes a reality soon so that the children here have the chance to be enrolled in the UMS Keningau Campus," he said.

Angian said the Land and Survey Department office here, when approached recently, revealed that it has yet to receive any application for the said purpose.

"We hope the university management can make the necessary application to the Land and Survey Department for the 80 acres that we have allocated for the university campus purpose, so that the construction can begin immediately," he said.

Apart from that, Angian said the committee has also set aside another 40 acres for the construction of the nursing school as had been planned by the Government in Apin-Apin.

"On our part and that of the people here, we eagerly await for the development plans that our leaders have announced in the media in the recent past and we are also ready to assist in any way we can to bring those plans to reality," he said.