

UMS has formally requested for site

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KENINGAU: The Board of Management of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has submitted the applications for land to the Land and Survey Department for the construction of Keningau UMS campus in this area, located in Apin Apin.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon told the media that the application had been made even less than a week or two ago and it should have been made more advanced.

"We should have taken the necessary action faster and earlier in the management of these applications, so we ask all parties to continue their support and patience," he said.

According to Kamaruzaman, UMS not only planned to bring the basic programmes of the university to Keningau, but would also make



Kamaruzaman (second left) with Sairin.

Keningau as a renown research centre in the future.

He was speaking at the press conference conducted during the Seiring Bersama Masyarakat UMS 2012 that was held at Kg GDW Bayangan, Keningau on Saturday.

Meanwhile, in the same event, Assistant Minister of Rural Development cum Liawan Assemblyman, Datuk Sairin Hj Karno said the district's leadership is also excited about the construction of UMS here.

He said 100 acres has been allocated as the campus site, and not 80 acres as stated by the Chairman of the Town Development Committee Apin-Apin, Datuk John Angian recently.

"According to Chief Minister Datuk Musa Hj Aman, he intends to advance the construction of Sandakan UMS campus, even though we want the Keningau UMS campus to be constructed as soon as possible.

"In terms of land we already have no problem because it is available, but is still awaiting the allocation from the Government and other problems that can be overcome," he explained.

Recently, Datuk John Angian, through *Daily Express*, urged UMS to make the land application provided by the committee so that the UMS Keningau campus construction work can start immediately.