



Mustapa signing the plaque to mark the official launch of Anjung Siswa UMS yesterday, witnessed by Masidi (second left), Mohd Noh (right) and other officials.

## Leaders to have dialogues with students often

**KOTA KINABALU:** Students will be able to meet the country's leaders more often and get the opportunity to have dialogues with them on current issues.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapha Mohamed, in disclosing this yesterday, said through such programs, students will have better interaction with the leaders.

"We will make sure the country's leaders would participate positively in such programs, including the Chief Minister and his Cabinet Ministers in Sabah ... let them be close to the students at all times," he said.

Most importantly, the move is also a way to ensure the students will continue to stay united and better able to understand the current challenges, issues and problems in the country and state, he said.

Mustapha was speaking to reporters after addressing the new intakes for the 2006/2007 session at Universiti Malaysia Sabah Chancellors Hall.

He also officiated the Anjung

Siswa UMS food outlet.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun, who represented Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Assistant Industrial Development Minister Jainab Datuk Seri Panglima Ahmad Ayid and UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin.

In another development, Mustapha said the Government is still looking into the proposal to set up a university hospital in the country, adding that they have to consider the financial situation which currently is limited.

He stressed that no fund was allocated for setting up a university hospital under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

"The existing universities and higher learning institutions are still in need of better infrastructure. If we have allocation, university hospital will be set up in the future.

"For now, we are thankful to the Health Ministry for their assistance in organising programs and health courses offered to students," he said.

