

UMS to start agriculture programs next year

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is planning to introduce new study programs that are relevant to the development of the agriculture industry in the country, said its Vice-Chancellor Tan Sri Dr. Abu Hassan Othman.

“One of the programmes is on agriculture studies, which will be launched next year,” he said in his welcoming speech during an official visit to UMS campus here yesterday by Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Abu Hassan said the relevant papers on the proposal for the new course are now in the final stage of preparation.

Once the proposal is ready, it would be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education, he added.

According to him, the UMS has already introduced various courses relating to the development of the agriculture sector.

“Among the courses are in the Plant Technology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture Programmes,” said Abu Hassan, adding that the Aquaculture course is one of the programs being given high priority by the university and has the potential for greater development.

He said the UMS has also established collaboration with various agencies under the Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Ministry such as the Malaysian Fishing Development Board (MFDB) and the State Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries.

The strong cooperation and assistance rendered by these relevant bodies has enabled the UMS to make the breakthroughs in various commercial-based studies such as the production of seaweed-based cosmetics, he added.



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