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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin has congratulated *Utusan Borneo* for becoming a full-fledged Bahasa Malaysia newspaper in the State.

"Well done and congratulations to *Utusan Borneo* for making a brave new step in 2008 for the local print media industry," he said yesterday.

Mohd Noh said the publication of the Bahasa Malaysia newspaper is timely, as the number of readers wanting something different is increasing.

"The most important thing is the reporting and publication of news and stories should be in correct grammatical style and thus able to be referred to by students and university students," he said.

Mohd Noh also noted that although the time zone in Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia had been standardised, daylight comes to Sabah earlier and the Sabahan readers tend to buy and read their papers earlier.

"All this while, it has taken them longer to obtain news from Bahasa Malaysia newspapers which are centralized in the



Deputy Chief Minister cum Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Yahya Hussein reading the new *Utusan Borneo* newspaper in Putatan yesterday.



Mohd Noh Dalimin

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country's Capital.

"Therefore, *Utusan Borneo* is able to present national news earlier in the morning," he pointed out, stressing that it is about

time that Sabah has her own local Malay paper.

Mohd Noh also urged *Utusan Borneo* to focus on several other areas, for instance research and publish job advertisements to establish and maintain itself as a Malay paper with competitive edge.