

Sabah varsity site likely to be urban

EDUCATION Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud said there is a possibility that the new university in Sabah will be sited in the urban area.

He said it would be easier to attract teaching staff to big towns than the rural areas.

But what was important was suitable environment to attract both staff and students, he said after opening a meeting of translators and interpreters organised by the National Institute of Translation (ITNM) Berhad in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Dr Sulaiman said Sabah government's proposal that the university be built in Tawau would be considered.

He said he had yet to receive the report from the task force which held its first meeting last Friday.

The task force was among other things assigned to find a suitable site for the university.

Dr Sulaiman said the branch campus of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in Sabah would be closed when the new university in the state became a reality.

Replying to a question from reporters, Dr Sulaiman said there would be enough places for form six this year but students must be prepared to accept schools outside their areas.

Speaking at the function earlier, he said translation activity should be expanded to various fields, including office documents, advertisement materials and documents used in industry and business.

ITNM Managing Director Prof Madya Dr Ahmad Zaki Abu Bakar said the institute would set up several service centres throughout the country to promote and sell its products.



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