

Sulaiman to officers: Get set on University of Sabah

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EDUCATION Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said yesterday he has directed the ministry's officers to make all necessary preparations for the setting up of the Sabah University.

Speaking to reporters after opening the Star Education Fair at the Dewan Sivik in Petaling Jaya, he said preparations would include the identification of a site for the university.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad pledged at a meet-the-people session in Beaufort, Sabah, in January that a university would be set up in Sabah if the Barisan



□ Dr Sulaiman

Nasional came to power in the state.

Dr Sulaiman said the Federal Government would

abide by the pledges contained in the BN election manifesto.

At present Sabah has a branch campus of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

"There will be no problems in setting up a university in Sabah," he said.

Dr Sulaiman said his ministry was investigating reports that certain private institutions were conducting courses and twinning programmes with overseas universities without the ministry's approval.

The ministry could close errant institutions, he said.