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Tawau likely site of Sabah university

THE Sabah government has identified two sites for the university the Barisan Nasional has pledged to set up in the state, and the likely choice may be Tawau in the east coast, Chief Minister Tan Sri Sakaran Dandai said yesterday.

He said 100 hectares had been identified between Kuala Penyu and Kudat in the west

coast and 250 hectares, part of which covers Tawau, in the east coast.

The university would probably be set up in Tawau to balance the rapid development taking place in the west coast, he told reporters on his first day of work at his office in the Sabah Foundation building, in Kota Kinabalu.

Sakaran said that if Tawau was chosen as the site, it would be a fitting Barisan Nasional (BN) gift to the people in the east coast who have been steadfast in their support for the coalition.

The BN had pledged to establish a university in Sabah if it came to power in the state.