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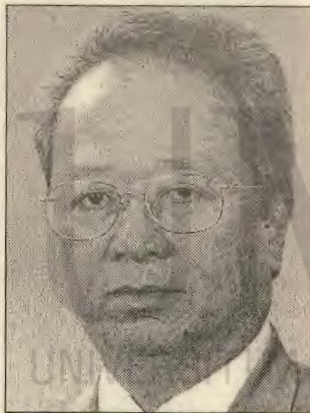
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KOTA KINABALU: Students who participated in the Entrepreneur Development Programme (PUM) in their schools and have been accepted into institutions of higher learning will be given the opportunity to continue running their businesses on campus through the Graduate Entrepreneur Development Program (PPUS) set up by the Entrepreneur Development Ministry.

Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Minister of Industrial Development, Datuk Wences Anggang, said they would also be given the chance to participate in entrepreneurship workshops and seminars under the Graduate Entrepreneur Training (LKS), which provides seven systematic training modules.

He said upon graduation, students could be part of the Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme, which provides financial aid between RM20,000 to RM250,000.

"This is a government effort to instill an entrepreneurial culture among students at the secondary



WENCES...to prepare students for today's IT and globalisation era.

school level to ensure they are adequately trained to become high-quality, enduring, competitive and successful entrepreneurs," he said in a text delivered by his deputy, Datuk Samsu Baharun Abdul Rahman at the PUM Convention 2002/2003 held at University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here yesterday.

Wences said the government considered PUM a long-term effort to instill the entrepreneurial culture among the youths and to prepare them when faced with challenges in this era of information technology and

globalisation.

He said by introducing PUM in secondary schools, students would be able to grasp the concept of business opportunities, marketing, infrastructure development and cost management at an early stage.

"PUM by itself is capable of producing high-quality entrepreneurs. However, they will need to work hard independently to learn the tricks of the trade," he said.

He added that in order to fulfill the government's expectations, those who took part in PUM needed to be proactive and analytical during planning to avoid any problems that may affect their businesses.

Also present at the event were State Secretary, Datuk KY Mustapha, Sedcovest Holding Sdn. Bhd Chairman, Datuk Dr. Yusof Jacob, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industrial Development, Ismail Abdullah, Deputy Vice Chancellor of UMS, Datuk Kamarulzaman Ampon and Assistant Director of Co-Curriculum and Sports of the Education Department, Tham Yun Fook.