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### Opening of medical faculty in UMS hailed

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**Kota Kinabalu:** Parti Keadilan Sabah on Wednesday welcomed the opening of the medical faculty in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Its Deputy Chairperson, Christina Liew, said in a statement that since we are always short of medical doctors in Sabah, it is high time that our own university starts its own medical faculty to train potential doctors to serve the people in the State.

She, however, expressed regret that out of the 34 pioneer students for the medical degree course, only one is from Sabah.

"As one of the objectives of setting up the medical faculty is to train more local doctors for Sabah, how come only one candidate from Sabah has been accepted in the initial intake?" she asked.

Liew called on the UMS management to explain the situation as to whether Sabah has a dearth of candidates.

"There are many universities in the peninsula that offer medical courses while UMS is the only university in the State offering the same course.

"I think more Sabahan students should be accepted so that it does not defeat the purpose of offering the course," she contended.

Liew urged Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman and the Minister-in-Charge of Health, Datuk Lajim Ukin, to seriously look into the matter.

"Please give our Sabah students a chance," she said.

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### UMS admits first batch of 34 medical students

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