

FINISHING SCHOOL AT UMS

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TUARAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is conducting a finishing school programme to prepare public institutions of higher learning graduates for employment by equipping them with the necessary skills.

The three-month programme focuses on developing additional skills among graduates especially

improving their command of English, and learning Mandarin and information communication technology (ICT), said UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Mohd Noh Dalimin.

He said the programme was opened to all graduates residing in Sabah with the first batch of 500 graduates beginning their

classes soon at the main campus here and a branch campus in Labuan. Preference will be given to UMS graduates.

"We believe the programme will be able to produce students who meet the needs of the job market," he said, adding that the programme was necessary as the Human Resource Ministry was

planning to scrap its graduate training programme due to high cost.

"As such we have to find another approach to conduct a course which would equip graduates with additional skills," he told a news conference after attending a UMS management dialogue here yesterday. — Bernama