

UMS plans to start new programme

Post Graduate Diploma in Islamic Studies will begin soon

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is planning to introduce Post Graduate Diploma in Islamic Studies soon.

Its vice chancellor, Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin, said the programme would start as soon as they receive the green light from the Ministry of Higher Education.

"The ministry need to know whether it is an executive diploma (non examination) or conventional post graduate diploma programme," he said to reporters after officiating the volume writing workshop on Malaysia and Islam in the Global

Context: Psychological, Social and Cultural Perspectives at Hyatt Regency Hotel, here, yesterday.

Dr Mohd Noh said some 300 individuals have applied to enrol for the programme via the Internet.

According to him, UMS could accept only 50 students for early stage before taking in more students. However, the remaining 250 applicants would have their application accepted for future intake, he added.

Mohd Noh further said that modules of the programme were developed in collaboration with other universities

like Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia.

He said UMS decided to seek collaboration with those universities because they had experiences in conducting Islamic Studies programmes.

Mohd Noh added that the UMS programme is suitable for lawyers intending to be Syariah lawyers.

The programme will have four modules namely foundation, Usulluddin, Syariah and Enforcement, he said, adding students must pass all subjects to be awarded the diploma.