

Labuan UMS can host petro faculty: Director

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Labuan International Campus has the infrastructure to have a petroleum-related faculty but an in-depth study has to be made before a proposal is submitted to the Senate for consideration and taking up with the Ministry of Higher Education.

Director of Campus, Prof Dr Shariff Abdul Kadir Omeng Al-Haq, said this during a media night hosted by the institution.

Former Prime Minister Dr Mathaithir Mohammad had proposed that a petroleum Engineering faculty to be established to cater for the manpower needs of the expanding oil and gas industry. This was followed by a similar call by the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS). Dr Shariff said it was certainly a good idea for the Labuan Campus to have such faculty.

"We could collaborate with Petronas and UTM to source the requirements." Dr Shariff added that the campus since its modest beginning 12 years ago (1999) had grown in stature and enjoyed regional and national recognition resulting in the cam-



Prof Dr Shariff

pus today having 2,100 undergraduates, including 176 from China, Middle East, Turkey and Tanzania. The campus also has six lecturers from Bangladesh and one from Japan.

Since 1999, 5280 students have graduated and today many of them hold high positions in the private and public sectors. The campus has contributed to the local economy in various ways and Labuan has benefitted.

Dr Shariff said the media night was to show appreciation to the media practitioners on the island and acknowledge their role in assisting to keep the campus' good image.

He hoped the campus staff and students would assist media personnel in any of their programmes. Later each of the media personnel was presented with a souvenir. Among those present were Director of Information, Mohd Tai Ubah, Director of Broadcasting Department, Ramlah Johari, Labuan Media Club Chairman, Jainudin Djimin, Deputy Registrar Zamri Mohamad Tuah and others.