



Shariff (fifth right), Zamri (third right), Taib (fourth left) and Ramlah (second left) pose with the media members.

UMS-KAL upgrading project to be completed by next year

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL), will be completely upgraded by next year.

One of the projects is to build the RM25 million main lecture hall, UMS-KAL director Associate Professor Dr Shariff Kadir disclosed during the UMS Media Night on Friday at Waterfront Labuan Hotel.

"The other projects are to build the roofed walkway, to upgrade some facilities, including student residence, sports, lecture rooms, and information, communication and technology.

"I hope when all these projects are finished later, UMS-KAL will turn into a real international campus," he said.

Earlier, Shariff disclosed that the federal government through the Higher Education Ministry had allocated a big sum of money to build the facilities for the students, lecturers and staff.

Since the campus was set up in May 1999, UMS-KAL has produced 5,280 graduates.

Shariff said after 12 years in operation, the campus had helped to the local economy to grow in several sectors like physical development, population increase, tourism industry, housing, transportation, telecommunication, career opportunities, business and handicraft.

"The existence of UMS-KAL has also boosted the parents' motivation and spirit to send their children to further their studies at higher level even though we know that they want to study somewhere else," he said.

Meanwhile, Shariff thanked the media practitioners here, both the printed and electronic for their news coverage on the campus and also for helping the campus to make its programmes successful.

"The commitment and involvement of the media here in UMS-KAL activities have helped us to promote and introduce the campus throughout the country.

"I believe the contribution

from the media will continuously uplift both the name and image of UMS-KAL," he added.

Shariff also said that they were ever ready to help the media here to make their programmes successful through academic expertise or students' help.

He therefore hoped that the media night hosted by UMS-KAL and which was attended by the media group here, would create lasting mutual cooperation between them.

UMS-KAL is located 16km from the town area and has 2,100 students, including 176 from China, Middle East, Turkey and Tanzania.

Six lecturers from Bangladesh are now teaching in English at the campus and a Japanese lecturer is teaching in Japanese.

Also present during the media night were UMS-KAL deputy registrar Zamri Mohammad Tuah, Labuan Information Department director Mohd Taib Ubah and Labuan Broadcasting Department director Ramlah Johari.