

Oil and Gas degree program at UMS in September

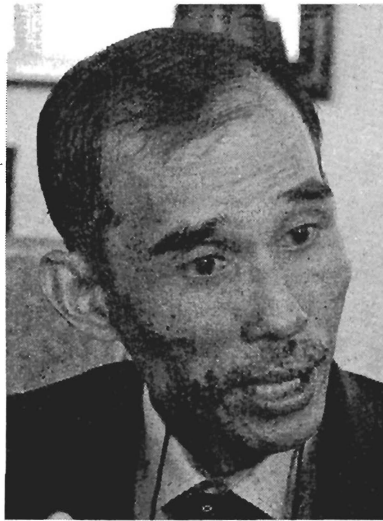
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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah students will be able to take up the Oil and Gas (O&G) Engineering Bachelor's degree in Upstream and Middle Stream, locally at Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) doorstep next year in September.

UMS Engineering Faculty dean Prof Dr Rosalam Sarbatly announced this after the launching of IEM (Institution of Engineers Malaysia)-IMM (Institute of Materials Malaysia)-UMS (Universiti Malaysia Sabah) forum on 'Technical Workscopes in the Oil & Gas Industry' yesterday.

According to Dr Rosalam, similar to the university's other conventional programs, the degree would marry the advanced technological and sustainable O&G practices. This will turn the red O&G industry into a green one so Sabah's rich and natural heritage will be safeguarded.

He said the new program would be divided into 50 per cent theory



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and 50 per cent practical sessions, which would be collaborated with giant O&G companies such as Talisman.

"Most important in the practical is the insertion of internationally recognized professional certification, which will involve

real industry players," said Dr Rosalam.

"The internationally recognized professional certification will enable us to produce competent ready-to-work graduates. That is what the industry-university collaboration is all about.

"Even our lecturers will, at the same time, be trained through the industry-university collaboration. Our academic staff will become specialists of the high end skills to assist in the creation of more engineering specialists," he said.

Dr Rosalam said for a start, less than 30 students would be enrolled in the first batch of the new Bachelor program.

He added that with state and federal assistance, the university would be able to develop more facilities and more rural students with the right qualifications and attitude would be moulded into the needed O&G workforce required for the increasing demand for high end skilled workforce in the future.