

UMS students to manage shop set up by Fama

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KOTA KINABALU: The Federal Agriculture Marketing Authority (FAMA) will be setting up a mini market coffee shop at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to provide an opportunity for students and graduates to gain experience in running a business.

Its chairman, Tan Sri Badruddin Amiruldin, said two shops will be set up soon in collaboration with the university's Kelab Usahawan Tani (MyAgrosis).

He said Fama has allocated RM75,000 to open up a K-Shoppe inside the campus within the next six months.

"The shop will be managed by the students themselves and

Fama sees this as an approach to encourage and motivate students to start their own business," he said to reporters in conjunction with Entrepreneurship Talk and Launching of MyAgrosis as well as MyBestBuy programme at UMS, yesterday.

Badruddin said K-Shoppe will not only allow participating students to gain deeper knowledge in business management, but also to improve other skills required in running a successful business.

Fama, he added, was also confident that the business will not only benefit the students' learning process but also provide financial gain and profit for the students.

He explained that K-Shoppe is a mini market concept store selling

daily necessities for students and campus staff.

As for the coffee shop, he said, a branch of KopieSatu franchise will be opened in the campus after the setting up of the mini market.

"Upon completion of their studies, graduates who wish to manage KopieSatu will be assisted by Fama to start their own business," he said.

Prior to this, Fama collaborated with UMS International Campus Labuan (UMS-KAL) to carry out chilli planting programme for the students. The students plant, harvest and market the chilli outside the campus.

Also present were UMS vice chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah.