

# Sabah PAS: UMS should offer law degrees

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KOTA KINABALU: PAS Sabah legal advisor Hamid Ismail (pic) said University Malaysia Sabah should be offering Law so that parents would not need to send their children to Kuala Lumpur or elsewhere to obtain a degree.



"I, on behalf of PAS Sabah, strongly urge UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin to introduce law programme in UMS.

By having a law programme in UMS, Sabahans could study here locally without having to spend costs on air travel to study law in West Malaysia or internationally. If law degree can be obtained here, that would be a great news to Sabahans who want to become lawyers.

Sabah can produce great lawyers and judges. The obvious example of a Sabahan lawyer who has become a great judge is Tan Sri Richard Malanjum. He is currently

the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak, said Hamid.

Prof Kamarudin at the International Conference on Law and Society he said an earlier discussion with conference moderators who asked why UMS did not have law programme in Sabah.

He replied that it was actually an interesting issue to discuss and that "we could not be starting something with a full programme maybe but we probably will find a way with our counterpart".

He said that UMS could collaborate with the International Islamic University Malaysia or maybe other universities that have law programme.

Malanjum suggested, at the same conference that studies on indigenous laws should be looked into by UMS.

"I, as a Sabahan, fully support the chief judge's suggestion. From there, the indigenous law can be improved," Said Hamid, adding that UMS may be unable to introduce the law programme this year or within two years, steps to achieve that goal must be taken now.