

# UMS to set up native linguistic unit — VC

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is planning to establish a native linguistics unit at its main campus here, to study the language structure of the various ethnic groups in Borneo.

Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin said there is an absolute need for such a unit, especially with the diverse cultural landscape of this region.

“Borneo itself has so many ethnic groups, so the establishment of this unit will enable us to study its language structures more closely.

“The realisation of this opportunity will also give UMS an edge to champion the field of native linguistics,” he said.

Kamarudin said this in response to the Barisan Nasional’s manifesto to transform public university infrastructure for a smart campus.

He said the move was very much welcome and would be beneficial if seen to fruition.