

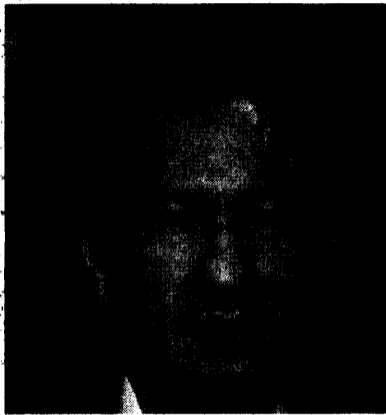
UMS plans first intake for oil and gas course by year end

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is planning to introduce a certificate and diploma level course for the oil and gas industry in Labuan.

Its vice chancellor, Datuk Dr. Harun Abdullah said announced this yesterday after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA) at the university's chancellery building.

"This plan is crucial as Federal Territory of Labuan is a hub for the oil and gas industry. We plan to introduce



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a certificate and diploma level course at the end of the year

followed by the introduction of degree programmes the following year.

"We are in the final stage of preparing the working papers and will bring this proposal to the higher levels including the ministry, hoping we can enroll the first 30 to 50 students by September next year," he said.

Harun said UMS needs more synergy with industry players because it is only through collaboration such as MOU with Labuan FSA that the university will know the needs and expectation of the industry in terms of graduates that the university is producing.