

UMS to work with Bernama for more rural news coverage

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KUALA LUMPUR: The School of Social Sciences of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is to hold a workshop to train journalists reporting from rural Sabah to enhance their capacity of coverage there.

Dean of the UMS School of Social Sciences Prof Datuk Mohd Hamdan Adnan said yesterday the workshop was expected to be held over five days in October with the collaboration of the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) and the Sabah Journalists Association.

"This workshop will help to enhance the capacity of journalists in identifying development issues and analysing them to provide comprehensive and accurate coverage.

"We feel this is important because rural Sabah is huge. As such, it requires coverage in terms of the transformation and development which occur there," he told Bernama after a visit to the news agency.

Mohd Hamdan said that initially 30 journalists would attend the workshop at the UMS campus in Kota Kinabalu, and similar workshops would be held at other places in Sabah.

"The important thing is for us to ensure that the workshop modules are suitable to enhance the capacity of journalists to provide the best coverage of rural Sabah," he said.

Meanwhile, Bernama's Deputy Editor-in-Chief (Domestic News Service) Datuk Zakaria Abdul Wahab said the news agency was prepared to collaborate with any university or organisation in the field of journalism.