

# Maliau Basin coal can be mined easily – UMS

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The first grade coal that can be found near Maliau Basin could be extracted easily due to improved technology.

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Engineering and Information Technology School dean Associate Professor Dr Rosalam Haji Sarbaty said that those keen on

extracting the coal could make a tunnel under the basin and not make any changes to its surface.

He said that the basin had the best quality coal with very little impurities.

“God has given us good quality oil and high quality coal. They have little impurities, making them

easier to process and goes directly to the refinery because they don't need to undergo the separation (process) to separate the impurities. The process of removing the impurities is very expensive,” he said after the launch of the International Oil and Gas symposium and Exhibition yesterday.