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YS, UMS to provide pre-school teaching courses

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KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - The Sabah Foundation will be working together with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in providing courses on pre-school teaching, beginning next year.

Such cooperation could greatly improve the standard of child development and education in Sabah, and Malaysia as a whole, Foundation Director Datuk Musa Aman said, today.

He was optimistic that UMS could serve as an alternative towards improving the quality and image of teachers by providing certificate courses on pre-school teaching.

He said this while officiating at a certificate presentation ceremony at the Sabah Foundation mini theatre for 39 youths who had completed

their six-month course on pre-school teaching.

According to him, the foundation's Child Development Centre was prepared to work with the UMS in all aspects of child development in view of the latter's well equipped facilities.

In this respect, the Ministry of Education had approved an application by UMS to offer courses in Pre-School Teaching to a higher level, he said.

This will include diploma and degree courses through twinning programmes with local universities offering similar courses.

Musa also stressed on the importance of early child development, saying that this would prepare the child for their next steps into the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.