



Musa (right) launching the YSCC-UMS franchise programme, in Kota Kinabalu, Wednesday.

## More diploma courses available locally soon

**KOTA KINABALU:** Various study disciplines under a diploma level may soon be available locally through a franchise system between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Yayasan Sabah's Community College.

In this respect, Sabah students would no longer need to pursue higher studies outside the State, Yayasan Sabah Director Datuk Musa Aman said during the launching of the franchise programme in Likas here, Wednesday.

According to him, the YS Community College had introduced a diploma course

in Technology Management (Accounting) under the programme, with similar courses in Computer Science (Multimedia) as well as Construction and Building Technology in the pipeline for the next semester. The programme was in line with the foundation's objectives to meet the State demand for more dynamic, knowledgeable and skilled manpower, apart from upgrading the standard of education here, he said.

He said the costs incurred for such studies pursued locally would be much cheaper than

having to acquire similar qualifications outside Sabah.

Tuition fees would be in line with the current Government policy on the corporatisation of institutions of higher learnings nationwide, he added.

Musa nevertheless assured that Yayasan Sabah would continue with its obligations to provide scholarships or study loans for qualified candidates.

The first batch of 74 students are currently pursuing a diploma course in Technology Management (Accounting) which commenced recently.