

Dean: SPL main objective is to produce agri-savvy graduates

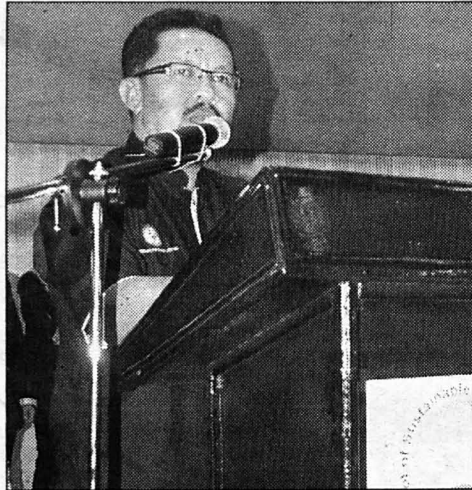
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SANDAKAN: Students enrolled at the Sekolah Pertanian Lestari (SPL), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here would be participating in researches on agriculture and animal farming, which include horticulture and landscaping.

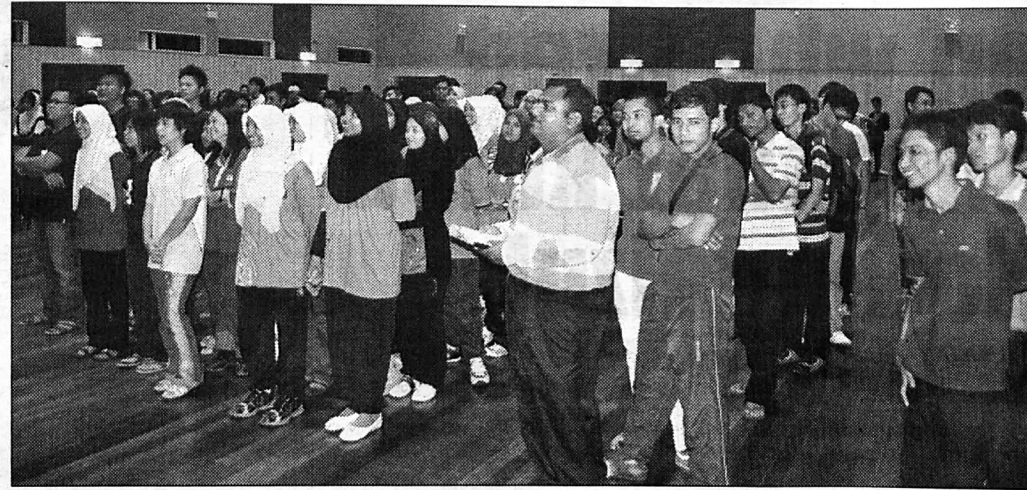
SPL dean Prof Madya Dr Mahmud Haji Sudin said that the school's main objective is to produce graduates who are knowledgeable in the field of agriculture and therefore it has established networks with the relevant players.

He said the UMS would be focusing on agricultural science-based researches where students will be taught the field's most up-to-date knowledge and skills.



Left: Dr Mahmud delivering his speech

Right: New and present students listening to the dean's speech



Dr Mahmud said the students' scope of study would also include experimental plantations to test the effectiveness of the latest technology while still ensuring the sustainability

of the environment.

"We want to focus on realistic experimentations that are relevant to Sabah's technology and its rich and diverse geomorphology," he said dur-

ing a press conference after delivering a dean's speech at the school's multipurpose hall here on Monday.

On the SPL's new intake for the 2011/2012 session, Dr

Mahmud said there are 64 students from throughout the country.

He said the programmes offered at the school are Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture

(Plantation Production), Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture (Horticulture & Landscape) and Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture (Animal Production).