

UMS to collaborate with Mara Poly-Tech

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) School of Business Economy yesterday signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Kolej Poly-Tech Mara (KPTM) to make way for academic collaborations.

According to the school's dean, Professor Madya Dr Hajjah Arsiah Bahron, the collaboration has been discussed for some time and was a good platform for the creation of quality KPTM graduates.

Meanwhile, KPTM Malaysia chairman, Mohd Aziz Jamman said that under the collaboration, UMS will be despatching some of its teaching personnel to KPTM's Semporna Branch.

He said that UMS tutors will be involved in the training of its staff to earn qualifications in Masters and PhD.

He added that the effort was in line with their objective to upgrade KPTM Semporna to university college status.

"In order to attain this, all of our academic staff must be Master's holders and 15 per cent must have a PhD," he said.

He also said that the branch in Semporna was only three years and six months old.

"We presently rent two buildings



Mohd Aziz (front row, left) exchanging documents with Hajjah Arsiah.

for our Semporna branch while the construction of our permanent site in Semporna will start next year. The location has already been identified."

He added that they plan to open several more branches in

Terengganu, Negeri Sembilan, Pulau Pinang and Sarawak.

"If we have the financial capacity and the approval from MARA, KPTM will establish the Sarawak branch next year," he said.