

Finas-UMS collaboration

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THE National Film Development Corporation (Finas) has allocated RM1 million to conduct various courses and workshops for arts practitioners this year.

Its deputy director-general (management), Fatimah Ahmad said the courses and workshops included film directing, scriptwriting, cinematography and production management. She said the schedule of the courses and workshops would be posted on Finas website, www.finas.gov.my once it was ready.

She was speaking to reporters after signing a letter of intent between Finas, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Metrowealth International Group on collaborative efforts in film development, and exchange of students and staff in Kuala Lumpur.

Fatimah said the approach was the best platform to develop talents and skills in the local film industry.

Meanwhile, UMS deputy vice-chancellor (research and development) Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof said the partnership would enable students to gain hands-on experience in the industry and add value to graduates' experience.

"UMS will also be intensifying its filming activities as Sabah has many scenic locations, and rich culture and history for films and documentaries," he said.

