

Over RM1m Talisman scholarships for UMS students

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KOTA KINABALU: A memorandum inked between Talisman Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will see half of its RM2.3 million five-year scholarship fund go to 30 students, here.

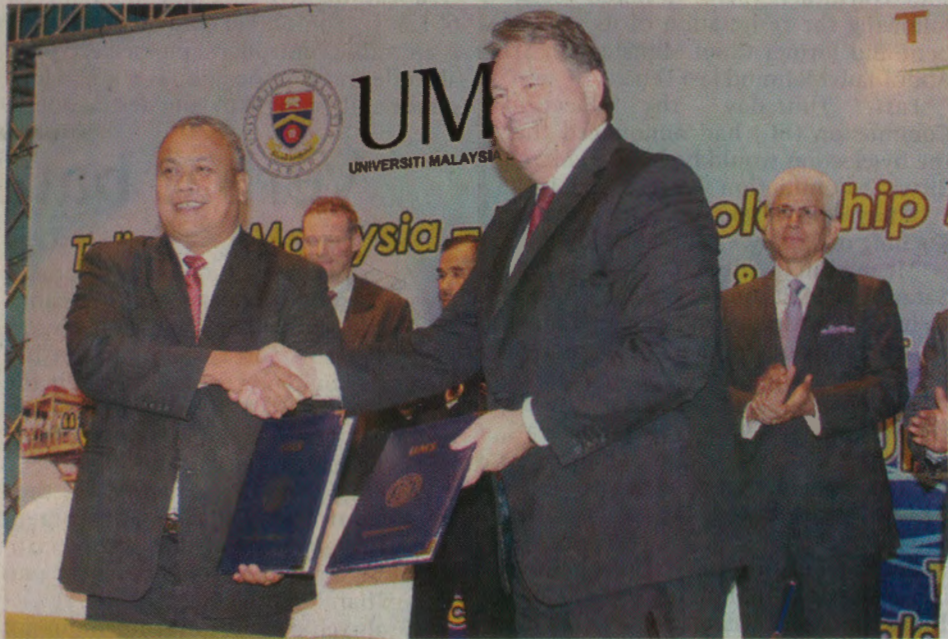
Senior Vice President and Country Manager, Ron Aston, on Wednesday said half of the 60 students qualified for the 2014 to 2018 programme are UMS students undergoing undergraduate and postgraduate studies specialising in oil and gas.

“Over RM1 million is directed at Sabah and apart from the financial support, the students will be given the first-hand experience in the oil and gas industry,” he said after signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the upstream oil and gas firm and UMS, here.

The MoU is the fourth collaboration between Talisman Malaysia and local universities, having sealed similar pacts with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia's Petroleum and Chemical Engineering, Universiti Malaya's Geology and Universiti Sains Malaysia Geophysics courses, previously.

“We already have an established programme in the peninsula.

“And since 2008 we have seen RM2



Aston (right) exchanging documents with Dr Sharil Yusof.

million benefiting 57 students under the same programme,” he said.

And out of the number, only 14 Malaysian beneficiaries had gained employment with Talisman Malaysia to which Aston said Talisman Malaysia “at

this point, is only focused on education.”

Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Shahril Yusof inked the MoU on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah. – Jason Santos