

UMS oil 'n' gas degree Sept

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is expected to unveil an industry tailor-made Bachelor in Oil and Gas programme in September.

UMS School of Engineering Dean Professor Dr Rosalam Sabartly on Wednesday said the school is waiting to receive the nod from the Education Ministry to introduce the programme, after it engaging with industry players and institutions to set up the course's curriculum.

"If all goes well, we will likely offer the new course to students in the September

intake," he said, here.

Rosalam, who made no secret of the creation of the programme said, the course curriculum was the result of the inputs gathered from industry players since 2013, where it had Talisman's support as one of the school's industrial advisers.

He concluded the new programme will focus on "deepwater" and "safety" aspects, and unlike any other courses offered in universities, the bachelor programme is tailored to Sabah's industrial climate.

"In 2013, we had a meeting with

Talisman as our industrial advisers. They (Talisman) have provided us input while we presented our curriculum," he said.

He claimed the programme is tailor-made to meet the expectations of the oil and gas industry, like producing "students useful to the players".

"We cannot ask the layman, the politician, we have to ask the people in the industry to know what they really want," he said.

The school had introduced a Masters programme in Oil and Gas in 2008 and six students are expected to graduate this year.