

# UMS vital for Sabah's development

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah remains a vital institution, dictating the state's future, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman yesterday.

He said the government envisioned this when it set up UMS 20 years ago in a bid to produce more skilled human resources.

Musa said the government would continue helping the younger generation achieve academic excellence with UMS in the forefront. The university had produced about 40,000 graduates since 1994.

He said this during a breaking-of-fast event with students and staff of UMS at its campus, near here, yesterday.

"Education has always been the main focus of our development agenda. I assure you that the state and Federal Government will not neglect the educational needs of the younger generation."

Present were Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Seri Yahya Hussin; Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun and UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Mohd Harun Abdullah.