

UMS to have hospital

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Musa with Safar (left), Kamarudin and others.

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KOTA KINABALU: The State Government supports Universiti Malaysia Sabah's plan to build a University Hospital on a 60-acre site at its Sulaman campus in line with the objective of projecting UMS as a powerhouse in the medical field.

Its new Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr D. Kamarudin bin D. Mudin said the State Government has given the green light to realise the project as it would definitely benefit academicians as well as the public.

He said the ground breaking ceremony of the project would be carried out within this year. Although all the major Malaysian universities have medical faculties, not all have their own hospitals.

This would make UMS unique as it joins an elite league which includes Universiti Malaya and Universiti Sains Malaysia, all in the peninsula.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman witnessed the handing over by Kamarudin of a mock cheque for RM31,000,050.00 (about RM31 million) as a payment for land premium over the change of land use at the 60-acre to Sabah Lands and Surveys Director Datuk Safar Untong at Danum hall in the State Legislative Assembly, Tuesday.

Also present were State Secretary Tan Sri Sukarti Wakiman, UMS deputy Vice-Chancellors and professors in different academic fields.

Meanwhile, Safar said the State Government alienated a total of 909 acres of State land to UMS for the purpose of building the university for the benefit of the State and the people.

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Maijol receiving the letter of demand.