## Another RM23mil to

## upgrade UMS Labuan

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will spend RM23 million over a period of time to gradually upgrade all the facilities at its Labuan international campus.

Its Vice-chancellor, Prof. Datuk Seri Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon, said RM13 million is for equipment and facilities and the remaining RM10 million for upgrading the hostels and other facilities.

He said this when launching the "Jom Ceria" programme at the campus, which has a new batch of 585 freshies this year.

Dr Kamaruzaman also said efforts are being taken for an "image change" of the campus not only in terms of its

studies but also ecstatic beauty.

Regarding the water problem faced by the campus recently, he said RM500,000 had been spent to improve supply, with bigger water tanks with a capacity for holding 5,000 gallons each as well as better piping.

He added that since May this year RM2.5 million had been spent to improve water supply to ensure water for all

areas in the campus, including hostels.

On the "Jom Ceria" programme, he said it was under the 1Malaysia UMS concept and undertaken for the first time, which would include the setting up of new facilities at the campus such as a health clinic, children's park, staff club and learning area.

Among those present were Prof. Madya Dr Kassim Mansur (Student Affairs and Alumni), Registrar Abdullah Mohd Said, Director of the Campus, Prof. Madya Shariff

Abdul Kadir Omang, and others.

Presently, the campus has 2,000 students.