

# HUMS scheduled for completion by March 2022, will increase doctors in Sabah

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The construction of Hospital Universiti Malaysia Sabah (HUMS), a high-impact project, that began in December 2017 is expected to be completed on March 31, 2022, says Higher Education Minister, Datuk Dr Noraini Ahmad.

She said the smart hospital with 400 beds was planned to provide the best service to the community, especially in Sabah.

“With the completion of this hospital, the number of medical doctors in Sabah will be increased from year to year to reach the doctor-population ratio for a high-income country,” she said in a statement uploaded via her official Facebook page, Saturday.

Earlier, Noraini visited the HUMS project site, here, to review in detail the progress in the hospital construction.

She said the HUMS project would have a fiscal multiplier effect through the creation of new employment opportunities and income for the people in the state.

Noraini said at least 1,600 jobs for civil servants and another 300 jobs for private employees would be created through the project.

Apart from that, the HUMS project will also stimulate the development of local industries such as cleaning, food supply, building maintenance, retail and finance, she said. — Bernama