

# UEC HITS STONEWALL AT UNIMAS

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KUCHING: The state's recognition of the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) cuts no ice with the state's public university Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) as it announces that it will not recognise the Chinese school Form Six certificate as an entry qualification.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dato Dr Mohammad Kadim Suaidi broke the news to The Borneo Post yesterday stating that the university could not accept UEC holders at the moment as it was bound by regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education.

"Unimas, being a public university under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Higher Education, is obliged to follow directives from the ministry regarding the national education policy towards UEC and also the current admission requirements to public universities set by the ministry.

"It is with regret I have to inform that the Unimas Senate could not admit candidates with UEC qualification for entry to Unimas," said Kadim, who also heads the university's Senate.

News that UEC holders might be able to gain entry to Unimas was first announced in September by SUPP president Senator Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian who also revealed then that Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Adenan Satem had given the long-awaited nod to allow UEC holders to apply for Yayasan Sarawak loans or scholarships and also join the state's civil service.