



Unimas to publish 12 books on its staff research works

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will embark on several projects for this year, aimed at not only to improve the students' academic performance but also its image.

Its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yusuf Hadi in disclosing the projects, said among others the Unimas would publish 12 books, containing the results of the staff research.

"We also plan to update the curriculum for our academic pro-

grams, in anticipation of the implementation of the rating for all academic programmes soon.

"In addition, we plan to increase the students' proficiency in the English language," he added in his New Year message.

He noted that the Unimas hoped to intensify the lecturers' efforts in monitoring the academic performance of students through tutorial classes, in the prompt returning of answer scripts and assignments and also in the moni-

toring of the students' attendance in class.

Besides, he said the university wanted to monitor the career of alumni and conduct 100 new short-term research projects on top of the on-going research projects.

"We will try to get more of our staff to be involved in consultation projects and to get each and everyone of the staff members to be involve in the staff training development," he added.

Meanwhile, Prof. Yusuf

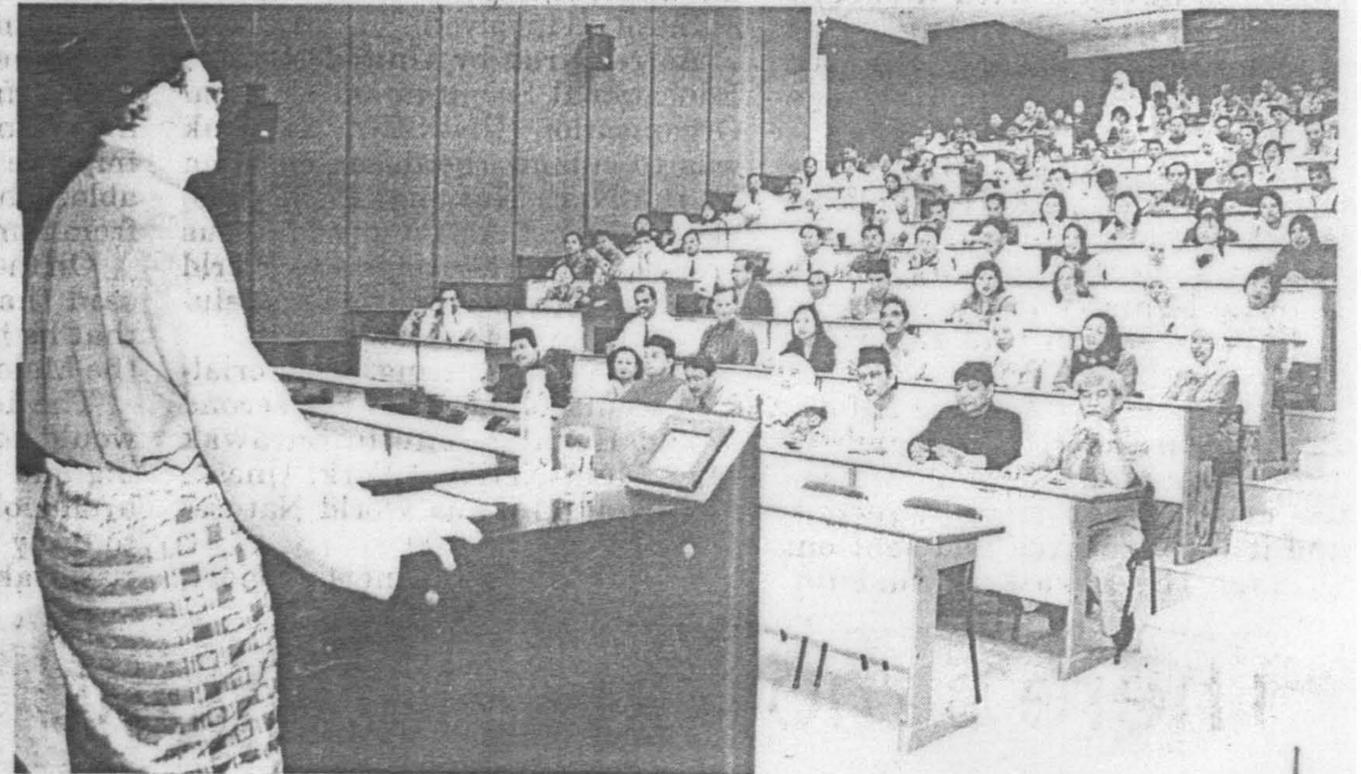
announced that Deputy Vice Chancellors (DCVs), Prof. Abdul Rashid Abdullah and Prof. Khairuddin Abd. Hamid had been assigned to handle student's academic affairs and development, respectively.

He said the third DVC for Student and Alumni Affairs would be appointed soon once the Government had approved the post, adding that the appointment of Dr. Hamsawi Sani as Registrar, had also improved the administrative machinery of the University.

On the promotion of lecturers to Associate Professors and Professors, Prof. Yusuf stated that the criteria for such a promotion would be based on an excellent teaching record, an outstanding achievement in research projects and publications, as well as a notable contribution to the management of the organisation.

Prof. Yusuf appealed to all levels of staff to work as a team to uphold and further promote the good name of UNIMAS.

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Prof. Yusuf speaking to the academic and management staff of Unimas.