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Jisin fields questions from reporters at the press conference.

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KUCHING: Sarawak Teachers Union (STU) is urging the Ministry of Education to increase the existing quota of Iban language teachers.

Its president Jisin Nyud, who did not disclose what the quota was, said there was a shortage of Iban language teachers in the state at the moment.

"We want more teachers of Iban to be trained to meet the demand of the increasing number of Iban classes," he told a press conference after chairing the fourth executive council meeting for the 2014-2016 term here yesterday.

The call was one of their resolutions arrived at during the

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meeting with the executive exco members from every branch.

Jisin said increasing the quota was very much needed as most of the current teachers were already old and would retire soon.

"We must make preparation now to get new teachers to replace them. There will be a vacuum if nothing is done to replace them."

Their other resolution was to urge the government to make public the number of students from the state enrolled at local universities and local teachers'

training institutes for the education degree programme.

"The increase, if any, should be in line with the 90:10 policy," Jisin said.

The meeting also urged the autonomy of offering education degree programme at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) be returned.

Meanwhile, it was agreed at the meeting that the existing teachers holding PhD and Masters degree be awarded a quantum leap in remuneration.