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Closer rapport:
(From right) Dr Rahman chatting with Dr Jamil after the meeting on Saberkas-UiTM collaboration at the Samarahan campus.

KOTA SAMARAHAN: The Sarawak United National Youth Organisation (Saberkas) will be setting up its students' body in every higher learning institutions, both public and private, across the state.

Its treasurer-general Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi said the body would help some of the students to adapt to the real world through participation in various community activities organised by Saberkas in collaboration with the institutions.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with University Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Sarawak rector Prof Datuk Dr Jamil Hamali here yesterday, Dr Rahman said Saberkas had discovered that some graduates were having difficulties adapting to real life situations.

"From our (Saberkas) observation as well as personal experience from the graduates, we discovered that some of them could not adapt. So this is where Saberkas comes in," said Dr Rahman, who is also Pantai Damai assemblyman.

He added that UiTM Sarawak was the second institution they approached after University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas). He added that during an earlier meeting with Dr Jamil, the latter agreed to the setting up of the students' body, to be tentatively known as "Saberkas Students Chapter UiTM Sarawak".

"It would be officially launched within a month or two by Saberkas president himself, Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun Openg," said Dr Rahman.

Hopefully, he added, the collaboration could be extended to higher learning institutions in the peninsular, adding: "At the moment we are focusing on big institutions, both public and private."

Dr Rahman said the Saberkas students' body would be independent from other units or branches, and would report directly to the headquarters.

On another matter, Dr Rahman said Saberkas would be launching its new website the latest by January next year, which would enable online membership registration for applicants, making it especially convenient for students of higher learning institutions.

He said any youth aged 18 and above could apply.

Meanwhile, Dr Jamil said UiTM Sarawak currently had about 8,000 students of whom 80% were Sarawakians.

"Those 80% would be a good segment to focus for our Saberkas collaboration. With the opening of our new Samarahan 2 campus, this would definitely offer more opportunities for the students to be involved in Saberkas," he said.