

Unimas heads west

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A bright future: (From left) Lee, Kim Yew, Dr Solhi and Prof Mohamad Kadim at the ceremony.

UNIVERSITI Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) is making the jump across the South China Sea and opening a campus in the peninsula.

The Unimas Learning Centre in Kuala Lumpur, which is scheduled to have its first intake in July, will offer a selection of part-time postgraduate courses for local and international students.

"We want to cater to the increasing number of students wishing to further their studies," said Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi at the recent Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

The centre will offer a Masters in Learning Sciences, lasting 24 months, and in Human Resource Development, lasting 18 to 48 months.

There will also be the Master of Advance Information Technology and Corporate, lasting 18 to 36 months and Master in Business Administration, lasting 18 to 48 months.

The programmes are based largely on on coursework, with students assessed through take-home assignments, tests, end-of-semester examinations and a research project, said Prof Mohamad Kadim.

"We chose these four preliminary courses as they are in demand.

"We do not require specialised classrooms, but we hope to expand upon these in the future," he said.

The satellite campus will be located at the International Malaysia Education Centre (IMEC) in the Mines Wellness City, Seri Kembangan, which already offers English and Chinese language courses and professional short courses.

"Students will benefit from IMEC's fully equipped multimedia classrooms, computer labs and libraries," said Country Heights Holding Berhad (Country Heights) group chief executive officer Dianna Lee.

In addition, students will have easy access to nearby malls and public transportation, as well as the scenic landscape of the Mines Wellness City's lakes.

"IMEC's campus infrastructure combined with the Mines Wellness City's amenities will make for a conducive learning environment for students," said Lee, who signed the agreement with Prof Mohamad Kadim.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Country Heights founder Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew and Unimas board of directors chairman Datuk Dr Hatta Solhi.

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