



Construction of golf course not funded by university: Yusuf

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KUCHING – Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will not utilise the allocation of the university for the construction of the 18-hole golf course at its new campus, said its Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Yusuf Hadi.

“There have been complaints that Unimas is spending millions of ringgit to build the golf course. Actually, Unimas is only providing the site for the golf course while the costs will be borne by the company undertaking the construction.

“Unimas and the company responsible for building the golf course will then share the revenue generated from the golf course,” he told reporters at a press conference yesterday.

Sprawling an area of 170-acre, the first phase of the golf course is scheduled to be completed by July 2005 while the second phase is expected to be ready in January 2006.

Yusuf pointed out that Kuching city was still short of golf courses and hoped that the proposed 18-hole golf course in Unimas would help to cater for the needs of golf enthusiasts in the city.

With the completion of the golf course, he added, Unimas would also witness a transformation of landscape.

“Rather than having forests surrounding the campus, it will be nicer to have a beautiful golf course located next to the campus that will be able to provide a cheerful surrounding,”



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said Yusuf.

He also revealed that Unimas would soon be setting up a golf club and the membership would be open to Unimas staff and students.

“This can even be part of the curricular activities for the students. In addition, students can also benefit from other facilities that will be built along with the golf course such as a swimming pool in the club house.”

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that Unimas was not the sole higher institution in the country to have a golf course as Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Universiti Utara Malaysia also have their respective golf courses.

He also called on companies interested in building the golf course to submit their proposal to Unimas as soon as possible. Closing date for submission of proposal is noon of 31 July.