



BIG PLANS ... Prof Yusuf addressing the university's staff.
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Unimas unveils plans for the year

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KOTA SAMARAHAN – Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) plans to conduct 100 new short term research projects and publish at least 12 academic books this year, said its vice chancellor Professor Yusuf Hadi.

Delivering his New Year message to the academic and management staff here yesterday, Yusuf outlined a plan that would among others increase proficiency in English among its students.

He said the curriculum

for academic programme would be updated "in anticipation of the government's plan to rate all academic programme in public universities."

He urged lecturers to double their effort in monitoring student performance, attendance, return of answer scripts and assignments.

Apart from that, he said Unimas was trying to get more staff to be involved in consultation projects and provide further training for every staff member.

Yusuf also revealed that the Unimas administration had been restructured with the appointment of two Deputy Vice Chancellors (DVC's), Prof Abdul Rashid Abdullah and Prof Khairuddin Abdul Hamid, responsible for academic affairs and development respectively. A third DVC for Student and Alumni Affairs will be appointed soon.

Yusuf said the appointment of Dr Hamsawi Sani as Registrar had improved the administration of the University.