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KOTA SAMARAHAN: University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) should be able to provide accommodation for at least 14,000 students at any one time latest by August next year.

Its vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi said there would be two additional residential colleges next year to cater to its increasing student population.

At present, the university can only provide accommodation to 8,000 of its 15,600 students.

The two colleges are Kolej Dahlia and Kolej Rafflesia.

"Kolej Dahlia will be inside the campus, while Kolej Rafflesia will be outside, but nearby," he told reporters after witnessing the oath taking ceremony for 3,700 new Unimas students at its campus near here yesterday.

The function was graced by Minister for Welfare, Women and Family Development Datuk Fatimah Abdullah.

Kadim said Kolej Dahlia, costing RM58 million, including furniture, should be ready by February 2014.

Kolej Rafflesia comprises 19 apartment blocks and is bought from Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Berhad (SPNB). It can accommodate about 3,500 students. Its cost is RM50 million, with RM10 million from the state government and the rest from the federal government.