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UCTS will have state-of-the-art campus — Wong

KUCHING: University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS) will have the state-of-the-art building for its campus in Sibul, revealed Second Minister of Finance Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh.

According to him, UCTS would have a platinum level of Green Building Index (GBI), which would make it the first of its kind in the country.

"This will be the first university in Malaysia to obtain that status. That's the vision of our chief minister for the university," Wong told The Borneo Post here yesterday.

He also stressed that UCTS was very fortunate to be able to engage Professor Dato Dr Abdul Hakim Juri as its first vice-chancellor.

"He (Prof. Abdul Hakim) has strong links with universities in Germany and this will strengthen the university's research and development (R & D)," added Wong.

The minister added for its first Foundation Studies in May, it hoped to recruit students who have just obtained their SPM result which is scheduled to be released by next month.

"As for the intake for degree

programme in September, we would recruit students from Kolej Laila Taib (KLT), Form Six graduates and diploma holders," said Wong.

Two foundation courses are the Foundation in Arts and the Foundation in Science.

At the initial stage, five degree courses on offer include Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Quantity Surveying, Bachelor of Environmental Design, Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Engineering Technology in Electrical and Electronics.

UCTS had submitted the courses to the Ministry of Education for approval and two foundation courses were already approved. It is now awaiting approval for the five degree courses.

Meanwhile, Prof Abdul Hakim was quoted as saying that UCTS would be targeting SPM students

in this region to study at UCTS.

"Many of them do not have the means and resources to enter higher learning institutions and with that in mind, UCTS is here to help them achieve their dream," he said.

He said UCTS would work in collaboration with KLT and other colleges in the country to get diploma students to join the university.

"We will also be providing support to the students, in terms of financial aids such as the attractive discounted fee especially for foundation students," he said.

He said they would maintain the fees so that it would be affordable to the students.

Abdul Hakim, who is also former president/chief executive officer of Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), said he would also use his vast networking to get the diploma students from UniKL to come and do their degree programme at UCTS.

With some 20,000 students and 11 campuses, UniKL is one of the established universities in the country.

Having been attached to UniKL for the past 10 years, he certainly has the experience and the expertise to manage UCTS.

It is understood that the initial cost of starting UCTS is RM300 million.