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KOTA KINABALU: In 1988, Kolej Yayasan Sabah (KYS) started out as an institute with only 60 students. Today, it has over 3,000 students studying in its four campuses located in Kota Kinabalu.

At a recent briefing session with new Sabah Foundation Director Datuk Sapawi Ahmad at Wisma Innoprise in Likas near here, KYS chief executive officer Dr Dayang Aminah Ali briefed the former on its current development and future.

This included KYS transformation to become an integrated skills training centre focusing on technical education and vocational training programmes.

She also touched on the promotion of arts and crafts, hospitality and tourism programmes, creation of Islamic Studies Centre and creative content development, as well as to spur the food security and halal compliance training development in Sabah.

KYS has also forged a close rapport and collaborations with local higher education institutions and government ministries and departments or agencies.

They include the Economic Planning Unit, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu City Hall, science, technology & innovation ministry, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Mara, Sime Darby Foundation and Petronas.