

New campus for Inti in Sarawak

3,000-student facility for Bandar Baru Semariang

KUCHING: Inti College Sarawak, a leading private institution in the state, will have a new campus in Bandar Baru Semariang by 2005, its chief executive officer William Tan said here yesterday.

The project, costing RM100 million, will commence construction in 2003, he told reporters after a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony.

Tan said the campus, which will be sited on 47 hectares, could accommodate 5,000 students and

will offer diploma to masters programmes.

The MoU was between Inti College Sarawak and Projek Bandar Semariang Sdn Bhd, owner of the new township in Petra Jaya.

It was witnessed by State Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office, Datuk Awang Tengah Ali Hassan.

The signatories were the college's chairman Datin Lillah Mohd Salleh and Projek Bandar Semariang managing director Robert Geneid.

When completed, the campus located about 7km from Kuching, will be able to accommodate 3,000 students.

Tan said the new campus will provide quality education and more facilities for the college's staff to undertake research and development projects.

He said the present college, which cost RM20 million, has a student population of more than 2,000, including those from Brunei, China, Hongkong, Indonesia, South Korea, Myanmar, the Philippines,

Taiwan and Britain.

The expansion will cater to the needs of the increasing number of foreign students and in-campus for needy students.

"Most of the students will move to the new campus by 2005, while some 1,500 will continue their programmes at the present building," Tan said.

Earlier, Awang Tengah said the 2,115ha township will provide facilities like schools, parks, sports complex, shopping centres and service industries. - Bernama