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LABUAN CAMPUS LEFT HIGH AND DRY

Reference is made to the letter published in your Letter to The Editor column on January 11, 2010 entitled "Labuan Campus left high and dry".

We wish to assure the people of Labuan, especially the students at the University Malaysia Sabah, Labuan Campus that various efforts have been and will be made to address the water shortage.

In fact, during his visit to Labuan in December last year, The Minister of Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing, Dato' Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin held a discussion with the university's student representatives to discuss this issue. The Minister had given his word that immediate steps would be taken overcome the

shortage. Also in attendance during the discussion were Dato' Hj. Ahmad Phesal Talib who is Secretary General of the Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry and Chief Executive Officer of Labuan Corporation Dato' Basiran Saban.

The Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry, being the lead Federal Government agency in Labuan, is constantly monitoring the situation. There are two short term measures to help resolve the problem. First, The Department of Irrigation and Drainage of Labuan will increase the number of water tankers sent to deliver water to UMS campus to 12 from the present 9, with effect from February 1, 2010. Second, additional static water tanks and pumps will also be installed in each dormitory block on the campus.

A longer term and more viable solution to the water supply problem are also being studied with the cooperation of Sabah State Government. Labuan's water woes are expected to be resolved by end 2010 after a new undersea water pipeline from the Padas River in Beaufort on the mainland is fully connected.

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