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KEDAH PROVIDES 200HA FOR ISLAND UNIVERSITY

LANGKAWI, May 14 (Bernama) -- Kedah has allocated about 200ha of land on Pulau Tuba for the Langkawi International University Of Tomorrow, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today.

Approval for the land would be given at the latest by the end of the week.

"The vacant land belongs to the government which can easily be approved for the university complex, the first in Langkawi," he said.

He told reporters this after launching a 132kv submarine cable from Kuala Perlis to the island, here.

The RM131-million project will reinforce electricity supply to the duty-free island which has the potentials to be a key tourist destination in the region.

Sanusi said the university would hold joint ventures with islanders to build facilities for campus, including students' hostels.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has agreed on the university's name.

The government had not decided on the construction date for the university which would be built by the private sector, he said.

The university would specialise in robotics, aerospace science, marine life, tourism and sports studies.

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