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Kudat wants to be education excellence centre

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat today said efforts were under way to attract institutes of higher education to set up base in the northern district of Kudat.

Chong said he had made his intentions known to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and several Federal leaders.

He said he had also spoken with MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik to consider establishing a Tunku Abdul Rahman branch campus in Kudat.

The Sabah branch of TAR College temporary campus is currently at the Kian Kok school at Jalan Tuaran.

"Kudat now has a number of secondary schools and we need to attract institutes such as Mara colleges or even Tunku Abdul Rahman college. We have identified a 160 hectare site about 20 minutes from Kudat town for a TAR College campus.

"I have received some positive feedback (from Dr Ling) and we hope to finalise the matter soon," Chong, who is also Kudat Assemblyman, said.

Chong was speaking after launching the Kudat Colour Guide at Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort, near here.

He was asked to elaborate on his speech in which he said Kudat had many attractions to offer, including turning it into a centre for educational excellence.