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NKRAs to suit Sabah and Sarawak

KOTA KINABALU: Certain initiatives under the National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) will be amended to cater to the "peculiar" conditions of Sabah and Sarawak.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Sen Idris Jala said senior civil servants from both states would meet with their federal counterparts next month to look into the initiatives. The meetings or "labs" will be held over a six-week period.

"The labs will enable us to examine issues confronting the bumiputras of Sabah and Sarawak and how we can tailor the programmes.

"Both states have specific peculiarities which we cannot ignore," said Jala, the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) chief executive after the opening of the Sabah-level Government Transformation Programme open day by Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman here yesterday.

Earlier in his speech, Jala noted that many Penan youths are absent from school during the fruit harvesting season to help their parents.

"Perhaps school holidays should be in line with the fruit season to ensure they do not miss their studies," he said.