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SAMARAHAN: Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Sarawak will offer a new course, Diploma in Halal Hub starting May next year to accommodate the need for expertise in the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

According to UiTM Corporate Communications and International Communication Unit Head Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, the course is among a line of interesting diploma courses to be offered by UiTM under the U-SCORE consortium, a joint effort with several local higher learning institutions.

"The diploma (in Halal Hub) course will open its door in May next year and we expect to recruit 30 students for this course," said Firdaus in a press conference at UiTM yesterday.

He added that the course will be specially tailored to the specific industries available in SCORE and graduates from the courses will be able to fill the need for workers in the specific industries.

"Apart from that, we are in

discussion with the Ministry of Higher Learning on several other courses which we plan to offer. In the pipeline are courses such as Diploma in Herbal Production and Diploma in Aquaculture Management," he added.

He elaborated that the U-SCORE consortium is a joint effort involving the state government with local universities such as UiTM, Unimas, Swinburne University, Curtin University, UPM Bintulu and Polytechnic to produce graduates for SCORE.

Earlier, he announced a roadshow across the state to promote the university's Pre Diploma and Diploma intake for UiTM Sarawak November 2012 and April 2013 sessions.

"Among the selected locations are Betong Hotel on Aug 3, Sri Aman library, Purnama Hotel Limbang, Regency Plaza Bintulu, Boulevard Shopping Mall Miri, Wisma Sanyam Sibul and Saratok Community Hall on Aug 4 to 5 from 9am to 9pm," he said.

He added that the final location for the roadshow will be tHe

Spring Kuching on Aug 10 to 12.

Those interested for the November intake can apply online now and the closing date for application is Aug 26; a processing fee of RM10 must be paid first at any Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) branch.

The number on the slip obtained after the payment is to be used on the online registration at www.online.edu.my.

Firdaus also pointed out that Bumiputera students who failed in their application to UiTM can apply through the 'Mengubah Destini Anak Bangsa' (MDAB) programme.

Under the MDAB initiative, selected students from families with income under RM2,000 and failed in their previous application will be given a chance to enter UiTM, with free study fees, hostels and pocket money for one semester.

For more info call 082677216 or 677305 or visit www.sarawak.uitm.edu.my

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SEE YOU SOON: Firdaus (third left) and other UiTM staff and lecturers showing the roadshow promotion pamphlets.