COO: Plan never scrapped

UCSI’s plan to build new campus at Kuching Isthmus very much alive

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KUCHING: UCSI University will build a new campus at the Kuching Isthmus, says its Sarawak Campus chief operating officer Lu Huong Ying.

Speaking to The Star, she denied rumours of the university cancelling plans to build at the Isthmus. “I’d like to assure you that UCSI is definitely committed to the development of a new campus,” Lu said yesterday.

“Our plans remain unchanged. This new purpose-built campus is absolutely necessary to match UCSI’s encouraging growth in Sarawak.”

There are around 400 students now, a big increase from the initial figure of 80 and we want an upgrade to provide students with a great learning experience,” Lu said.

Lu added that the new campus would allow the introduction of new academic programmes to provide students with more study options.

UCSI expanded into Sarawak in October 2008, operating from a campus near the Kuching International Airport.

The campus is located near Four Points by Sheraton, one of its Cooperative Education Training Programme partners, which offers industrial placement for its students.

Three years into its operations here, the university announced plans to build a new campus, which would include a multi-storey hotel, at the Kuching Isthmus, a new developing area within the state capital.

The Isthmus is the site of the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching and the headquarters of Sarawak Energy.

“Presently, we are at the second stage of the planning submissions,” Lu said, when asked about a completion date. “We are working well with the architect and progress is good.”

Founded in 1986, UCSI University also has campuses in Kuala Lumpur and Terengganu. Its campus here offers pre-university studies and hospitality programmes, including event and tourism management, hospitality management and commerce.

Happy and satisfied: Participants from the first ‘Crafting A Winning Marketing Plan’ workshop posing with the facilitator at the end of the UCSI Extension programme in Kuching in this file pic.