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KAPIT: Walikota of Kapit District Council Lating Minggang has suggested Sarawak Energy Bhd (SEB) to establish a university in the state, under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

Adding on, he says being the state's corporation managing energy, including power generation and provision of utilities, the SEB can also hold the role of raising better awareness of importance of education among the young people.

He also believes that having such a university would help the corporation fulfil its human resource

"The SEB, being the primary electricity supply



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provider in Sarawak, has a growing multi-disciplinary workforce.

"It is also regarded as among the largest employers of

professional Sarawak talents.

"The SEB is also supporting Sarawak's goal of achieving a highly developed status by 2030.

"As a socially-responsible

corporation, SEB can play the role of promoting education among our young people and developing Sarawak's human capital, and a way to do this is to set up its own educational institution – a corporate university, if you will," said the council chief in a statement yesterday.

Citing Tenaga Nasional
Bhd (TNB) and Petronas as
examples, Lating said these
corporations had already
established their respective
institutions, Universiti
Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) and
Universiti Teknologi Petronas

(UTP).

"If TNB and Petronas could do this, why not Sarawak Energy?"

He also pointed out that with the majority of its hydroelectricity power dams located in central Sarawak – namely Bakun, Murum and Baleh – and all three serving as its major revenue generators, the ideal location for the proposed SEB university should be within Kapit Division.

"It is the aspiration of the Kapit folk for such a university to be established in Kapit Division.

"Such CSR can help boost Sarawak Energy's image, in that the organisation can play more positive roles in the community," he added.