



*Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob at the University College of Agrosience Malaysia's 16th convocation in Serdang yesterday. PIC BY KHAIRULL AZRY BIDIN*

## Farmers, rural folk to benefit, says Ismail Sabri

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Farmers and people in rural areas will get some good news from the 2018 Budget that will be tabled on Oct 27.

Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said he had proposed a few things to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"I believe people will benefit from the 2018 Budget.

"We have asked for many things. Hopefully, the prime minister will approve them," he said after the University College of

Agrosience Malaysia's 16th Convocation at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang yesterday.

He was commenting on his ministry's expectations and requests for the 2018 Budget.

Ismail denied that the 2018 Budget was an election budget and said it would be tabled as previous years, depending on the economic situation.

"I am not saying that this (2018 Budget) is an election budget.

"Every year, the budget is tabled based on the people's plight."