



**Dr Ramzah (centre) and UMS researchers with villagers at the opening of the innovative CSR project.**

## UMS CSR project in Pitas benefits 200

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KOTA KINABALU: A Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project carried out by a group of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) researchers in Pitas benefited more than 200 villagers.

The UMS Science and Natural Resources Faculty's (FSSA) clean water supply project at Kg Pituru Timbang Taun, in collaboration with the Sabah Baitulmal Corporation (PBNS) as the main fund contributor, also involved the villagers, Sabah Charities Foundation and UMS Scholars Association.

UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Associate Professor Dr Ramzah Dambul, said the innovative project highlighted the functioning of the university's responsibility in driving theoretical knowledge to innovation and then translating into the field to solve community issues, especially in the State's interior.

"The UMS research group created a innovative water filter capable of deposit-

ing high clay content from the water source in the area before the final purification process.

"Hence, the implementation of the project requires expertise in hydrology, geology, environmental science and basic engineering applications," he said when officiating the opening of the project.

Meanwhile, Kg Pituru Village Community Management Council (MPKK) Chairman, Mair Mari, said the villagers were grateful for the implementation of the project.

"The villagers who had been relying on rainwater and untreated water as a source of water have been able to enjoy clean water supply now for their daily use," he said.

Also present at the opening ceremony were the Dean of FSSA Prof. Dr Baba Musta, PBNS General Manager Salman Nurillah and Professor of FSSA, Prof Dr Kawi Bidin as their project leader.