



SPECIAL COVERAGE

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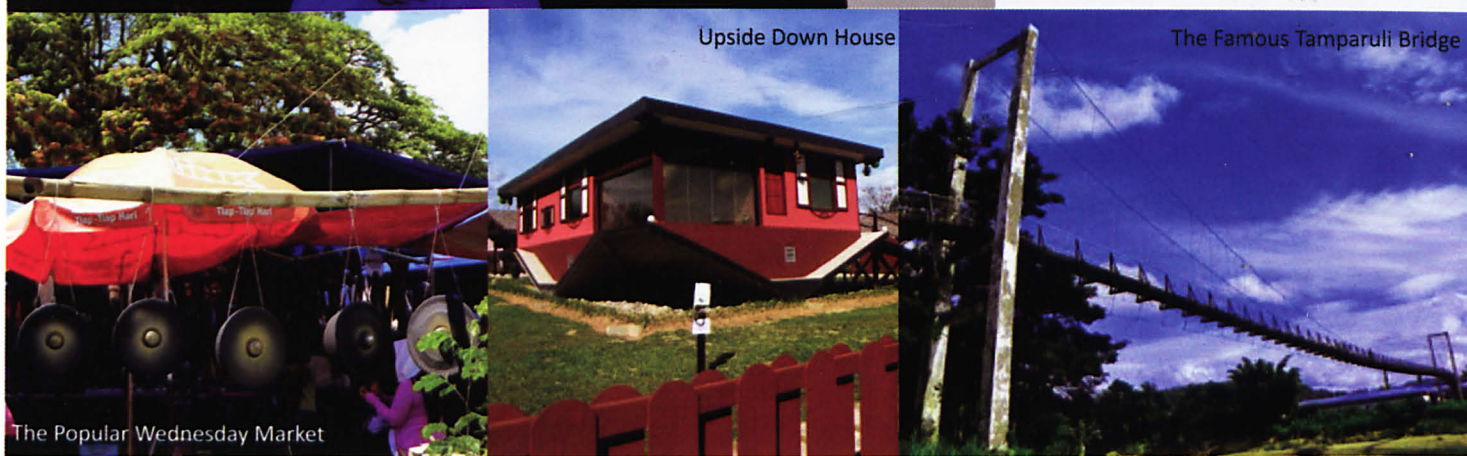
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School of Psychology and Social Work

MY PLACE

I am from Tamparuli. It is a sub-district of Tuaran, about 40 minutes from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Visitors to my place will find that it is beautiful and unique. We have the popular market every Wednesday. Now we have a special attraction called the 'Upside Down House'. My place is also made famous by a song called the Tamparuli Bridge (Jambatan Tamparuli).

"I WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNINGS OF SPKS"



SABAH

To the international readers picking up this magazine, I wish to introduce my state of Sabah, Malaysia. The one uniqueness that sets this state apart is the integration of the multi cultural society here. This is the beauty practiced here. Here is multi ethnic, multi religion community with its different festivals. One example of these is my own family. We are brought up as Christians. However, one of my brothers converted to Islam and became a Muslim. We still celebrate Christmas together as a family and now we have a reason to celebrate Hari Raya with all its wonders. This is multiculturalism with unity and harmony. Not many place in this world can live like this. But people in Sabah can, I am very proud of my state.

UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH

UMS is the acronym for Universiti Malaysia Sabah and it is the ninth national university under the Education Ministry of Malaysia. I joined this university in 1996 before a psychology department was even formed. I remember we were located at *Kolej Komuniti Yayasan Sabah*. This was a time when Universiti Malaysia Sabah was not even completely build yet. At that era, there were 3 branches, the Gaya Centre Administration, KKYS Campus and Jalan Tuaran Campus.



Kolej Komuniti Yayasan Sabah

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK

The School of Psychology and Social Work was finally opened in at the end of 1996 in the *Kolej Komuniti Yayasan Sabah*. 1997 was also associated with the opening of this school. I remember Professor. Emeritus Dato Dr Abd. Halim Othman, Dr Rosli Abbas@Roslee, Professor Dr. Rosnah Ismail, PA Puan Norhayati Abdullah and PP Cik Kamisah Hussin and myself having meetings constantly. Our meetings with Professor Emeritus Dato Dr Abdul Halim Othman lasted into the nights. We were discussing the direction of the school and the path it should take. Sweet memories these and I extend my 'apa khabar' to the five people should they pick up this magazine.