

Band 5 Physiotherapists From UK on a Mission in Sabah

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FRIDAY, 27 JUNE – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Campus Radio Station, KKFM this morning welcomed five guests from the University of Nottingham (UoN), United Kingdom (UK) who were in Sabah for a voluntary programme.

They were Nathan Gunning, Richard Gittons, Charlotte Wade and Blaithin Hadjisophocleous all graduates of the Physiotherapy course. They were led by their lecturer, Marjan Blackburn whose specialty is in Neurological Rehabilitation.

Interestingly, the group found Sabah, a place they then committed their voluntary work through surfing the internet.

The group has been in Sabah the past six weeks lending their expertise at Bukit Harapan, a home not only for the orphans but also abused women and children as well as persons with special needs.

“All students of Physiotherapy need to do 1,000 hours of clinical work, as stipulated by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists and the Healthcare Profession in the UK,” said Marjan, citing that the first programme focussed on the children and the centre in Sabah, where they had also visited the Women and Children Hospital Likas.

They also record their activities through video blog besides keeping a record of their studies for future reference.

“We have to raise our own funding to come here,” said Nathan Gunning who had been doing this particular volunteer work for the second time since 2011. Nathan is a Band 5 Physiotherapy graduate, a reference used in UK for those newly graduate physiotherapists.

Also present to lead the group was Audra Keyworth, an administrator at Bukit Harapan. – *FL*

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