## PR-Siswa Helps at Magandai

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**MONDAY, 21 APRIL** – The Student Mentor Club (PR-Siswa) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) had for the first time partnered with UMS Recreation Club, UMS Four Wheel Drive Club Volunteers and the School of Medicine in the X-Magandai Community X-Plorasi Programme which ended yesterday.

According to the Programme Director, Muhammad Yusuf Mohd. Sobery, the activities which was in the form of a rugged expedition for three days and two nights was participated by 30 participants with 15 four-wheel drive vehicles.

Speaking when contacted by reporters, he said the

programme aimed to encourage and motivate students and parents received overwhelming response from the community of Magandai Village particularly among the students and teachers of Sekolah Kebangsaan Magandai.

"Besides knowledge sharing, we also had a wealth of experience especially first-hand understanding of the bitter sweet challenges and the lack of life among the interior communities," he said.

Muhammad Yusuf, who is also the President of UMS PR-Siswa Club expressed his gratitude to the Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (HEP) in particular to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Assoc. Prof. Datuk Dr. Hj. Kasim Hj. Md Mansur, for always supporting their efforts in realising this community-based programme.

"We also thank the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic and International, Prof. Dr. Shariff Abd. Kadir S. Omang Al-Haj and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation UMS, Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof for their support and in making this programme a success," he further added.

With the theme 'Exploring Reality, Helping the Community', the programme which was held in conjunction with UMS 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was filled with a variety of educational programmes in addition to a tree planting event as a symbolic gesture in support of nature conservation as a shared responsibility.

For the record, UMS PR-Siswa Club is more synonymous with Skuad Rakan Ceria (Skuad RC) UMS which is under the guidance of psychology officer of HEP, Adzmil Abidin; who is always positive in reaching out to the community to build an intelligent and productive community. -SS(fl)