

PUPUK Programme Opens Opportunity For Students

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THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER – University and Family Interaction Programme (PUPUK), School of Medicine which was established in the year 2006 not only prepare students with real-life situation which they will face in future as a doctor, but also exposure to community work and healthcare of rural community.

Chin Ket Meng, third year student School of Medicine said that the PUPUK programme enabled him to experience for himself living in the interior areas with her adopted family with different background.

“There, we learn to interact with them; I can help my adopted family by giving advises pertaining to healthcare and obtain new data relating to the health of my adopted family. I will apply whatever I have learned in class for this purpose,” he said.

He added that he was lucky to be placed with the Osubing family who were friendly and treated him very well.

Meanwhile, one of the participants of the programme, Zakiah Osubing, 31, was happy with the implementation of the programme at her village, Kg. Kandawayon. She said that programmes such as this should be continued as this had given her the chance to help the kampong folks in terms of healthcare.

“They would sometimes visit me in their free time. When they are here, they would check our health and ask about our health development,” she said.

“I treat them as my own family. I hope they will be successful and be called doctors when they graduate,” she added.

To date, a total of 467 student doctors with more than 200 adopted family from 37 villages around Kudat are involved in this programme. The programme is beneficial in terms of improving the health and awareness of villages towards a healthier lifestyle besides producing high quality medical students and ready to serve the rural community in future. –NB-

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