

## Volunteerism, No Longer an 'Alien' Word in Malaysian Society

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**FRIDAY, 29 JULY –** Realising the importance of volunteerism, the Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS), an entity under the purview of the Higher Education Ministry recently sent 50 student volunteers to participate in the “Green Summer Volunteer Campaign Vietnam 2016”. The volunteerism, which started on 10 July and will end on 14 August is part of

capacity building in training Volunteer Leaders.

Known in Vietnamese as “Mùa Hè Xanh”, is the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event held in Vietnam. Malaysia, through YSS, became the only recognised foreign entity to join the volunteer campaign with the collaboration of the Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union.

UMS is represented by Asmah Kadir, Muhamad Ezyree Jakaria and Azizul Adzim Salimin.

During the five weeks duration, 50 volunteers from public and private universities, polytechnics, community colleges and teacher education institutes along with the Vietnamese students from Foreign Trade University, the University of Economics and Law and Ho Chi Minh City International University will carry out volunteer work at Tan Thong

Hoi Commune, in the Cu Chi District, and two more at Nhon Duc and Long Thoi Commune, in the District of Na Bhe.

The delegation of Malaysian volunteers is represented by YSS chairman Datuk Zuraidah Atan, who has been coordinating the joint mission collaborations since 2012.

The concept introduced by YSS is part of the first core of the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education), which is to produce holistic, entrepreneurial and balanced graduates through experiential learning.

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