



A representative from UMS handing over a souvenir to Awang Lahaji.

UMS students hold community service programme at orphanage

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KOTA KINABALU: The welfare committee of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) non-resident students recently held a community service program at Baitul Hidayah Orphanage Centre in Kudat as a continuous effort to instill and strengthen the spirit of volunteerism among university students.

According to the programme's spokesman, Hasmi Hashim, the visit is in line with the 11th mandate and focus of the Ministry of Higher Education which is the empowerment of students through character development programmes.

"This programme responds to the call of one of the main programmes under the Ministry of Education which is Semarak Siswa Madani or also known as S4S or Student for Society.

"This programme also aims to increase students' knowledge and experience in interacting with the community. In addition, this programme can also emphasise the importance of knowledge and education through various mediums in life and provide quality experience to students," he said.

The orphanage manager, Awang Lahaji Rokimin, also expressed his appreciation to UMS, especially for carrying out community activities at the home.

According to him, the presence of students from UMS is very meaningful because it is the first time the orphanage has been visited by outsiders, and he also hopes that such a programme can continue in the future.