

UMS, DBKK complete Urban Garden programme

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) together with Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK) has successfully completed the Urban Garden programme with the Taman Kuala Manggatal community.

Mayor Datuk Noorliza Awang Alip said this joint initiative is to popularise agencies like DBKK and to strengthen relationships with the local community.

"This effort is also to provide encouragement and assistance towards increasing the productivity of food resources in the community to support food security.

"For that, DBKK is ready to provide assistance in terms of seeing the suitability of the place, giving technical advice, as well as providing the necessary resources such as garden tools and seeds," she said at the "Urban Garden: Colors of the Land" programme at Al-Ikhwan Mosque, Taman Kuala Menggatal.

She also informed that the community in Kuala Menggatal is the ninth group who successfully held such programme, which was previously organised with communities in the areas around Sembulan, Tanjung Aru and Likas.

Director of the Urban Garden



Noorliza cutting a ribbon as a symbolic of the launch of "Urban Garden: Colors of the Land" programme at Al-Ikhwan Mosque, Taman Kuala Menggatal.

programme, Dr Norsyahidah Md Taib, said that the programme was organised for the third time by the faculty.

"This programme is seen to have a positive impact on the city's residents because it can not only improve food security in certain areas, but also encourage the community to obtain balanced nutrition through the cultivation of vegetables.

"Thus, UMS will continue to work closely with DBKK to

organize similar programmes with communities in other areas," she said.

In conjunction with the event, there were also HPV talks and screening by medical officers from the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN), health screening and healthy food exhibition by the Kota Kinabalu Area Health Office, food demonstration, coloring competition, and nutrition talk by Dr Woon Fui Chee from FPSK.