

Eight Labuan UMS students to join Raleigh expeditions

KOTA KINABALU: Eight students of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Labuan campus will be joining the Raleigh International expeditions crossing Sabah and Sarawak for community projects.

These include projects such as building a library or kindergarten, cutting nature trails or building bridges to connect remote communities.

UMS vice chancellor Tan Sri Prof. Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Abu Hassan Othman said in a statement that university life is not just about learning a particular subject or skill, it is a total learning experience.

And the Raleigh International

expedition helped students acquire and develop these skills among others, he said.

"It is an experience that will challenge young people to look and reach beyond what can be learnt via the written word to what can be learnt in the heart of communities, sharing practical knowledge and advice that has immediate tangible results," he added.

Drew Boshell, country director for Raleigh International Malaysia said that the partnership with UMS was a positive step for Raleigh International.

"As a youth development charity,

we want as many young people as possible between 17 to 25 years to join us in Malaysia using their enthusiasm and fresh outlook to benefit the communities and organisations that we work with," he said.

Meanwhile each of the participants, called venturers, will work with approximately 150 other venturers and staff drawn principally from the UK on a range of projects across Sabah and Sarawak.

Raleigh International is a youth development charity, which hosts expeditions across the world exposing young people to new cultures and experiences.