

# GLCs urged to support UMS Student Kitchen initiative

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**KENINGAU:** Bingkor Community Welfare Association chairman Yazid Hasnan Tawik has expressed support for the call by Sabah Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk James Ratib for government-linked companies (GLCs) to step forward with contributions to support the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Student Kitchen (Dapur Siswa) initiative.

He said the initiative is timely and appropriate in helping to ease the burden on undergraduates, particularly those from less privileged rural backgrounds who are affected by the rising cost of living and increasing food prices.

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Yazid, who is also chairman of the Keningau District liaison committee of the Sabah Retired Educators Association (PMPS), commended James for his commitment in mobilising early support from several GLCs under his ministry.

He also praised the minister's personal contribution of RM30,000 to ensure the

continuity of the programme.

He said such actions should serve as an example and a catalyst for more GLCs and capable companies to play their part through corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts for the benefit of students.

Yazid also voiced support for expanding the Student Kitchen initiative to the UMS Labuan and UMS Sandakan campuses so that students across Sabah can benefit from the programme.

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long-term investment in the development of the state's human capital and deserve sustained support from all parties," he said.