

Desa Group extends aid to underprivileged UMS students

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KOTA KINABALU: Kumpulan Desa (Desa Group of Companies) has contributed food supplies to support the Dapur Siswa programme at Kolej Kediaman Tun Fuad, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), reaffirming its commitment to student welfare.

Desa Group chairman Tan Sri Liew Yun Fah said the initiative reflected the company's concern for underprivileged students, particularly those from rural areas facing financial constraints.

"The Dapur Siswa programme introduced by UMS is highly beneficial.

"Desa Group hopes that this contribution will help ensure

students have easier access to their daily food supplies," he said at the residential college on Tuesday.

Liew explained that students are also allowed to bring their own raw ingredients as additional dishes should they wish, giving them flexibility to adjust meals according to personal tastes or dietary needs.

He noted that collaboration between state government-linked companies (GLCs) and higher learning institutions such as UMS is a proactive effort to support student well-being while strengthening ties between the corporate and education sectors.

"As a state-owned company, we feel a responsibility to ensure that underprivileged students are not left behind.

"Programmes like this provide the right platform for us to contribute," he added.

The Dapur Siswa event has become one of UMS' key initiatives in providing daily food aid to students living in residential colleges, especially those from rural backgrounds and those facing financial challenges.

Also present at the official handover of the contribution was UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Prof Dr Raman Noordin.



Liew (fifth right) in a group photo with UMS representatives during the Dapur Siswa programme.