



Eliza (fourth right) and Lai (third right) showing the programme book for the upcoming event. Flanking them are members from the hotel as well as UMS Human Relations major student, Liew Wan Joo (second right) who is the food and beverage manager for the event.

## UMS students to hold Ang Pow Festival this Saturday

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students, organising their annual 'Ang Pow Festival' (previously known as 'Tiong Hua Festival'), are hoping to raise RM45,600 for the upcoming event.

The event's organising deputy director, Lai Yik Chan, who is majoring in economics development at UMS, told *The Borneo Post* that they hoped members of the public, particularly the business community, will support their cause of promoting the Chinese culture and tradition.

The event is being organised solely by students from UMS, she said, when met at the Zara's Boutique Hotel near here yesterday.

"We will also be selling tickets of RM10 each for the event and we welcome people

from outside the university to come and celebrate the festivity with us," she said.

The UMS Ang Pow Festival will take place at the university's Dewan Kuliah Pusat II from 6 pm. Special Tasks Minister Datuk Teo Chee Kang is expected to launch the event this coming Saturday (May 9th).

"We have several special programmes for the event. Patrons will be able to witness the exquisite 24-Seasons Drums beating performance by the pupils of Hwa Shiong Primary School in Putatan; the KK High School Chinese orchestra and a performance using the Chinese Yoyo as well as many others," she said.

She added, however, that they were still short of reaching their target to successfully organise the event, and that members of the organising committee have been conducting 'city run' to help raise funds for the event.

"It is a very difficult task to undertake. To help us out, the university has issued us with a letter outlining our objective and we are using this to get sponsorship from the public to organise the event," she said.

She added however that the experience have moulded many of the volunteers to become better communicators and greatly improved their public relations skills.

Meanwhile, Zara's Boutique Hotel managing director, Eliza Goh, commended the students for the effort they were undertaking to support the longevity of the Chinese culture. She emphasised that the students were doing the tasks as volunteers and that they would not get any material gain from their hard work.

Nonetheless, the students would gain something more valuable as the experience would develop them to become assets for the organisations that they would later be working for as well as to themselves, she said.

Eliza also mentioned that she supported the cause of the students because she is strongly into education.

"Without education, it would be very difficult to develop the economic growth of a family. I am also supportive of them as young female graduates as I believe they will one day be able to help empower