

UMS, UKM provide free education to stateless children

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KOTA KINABALU: Students of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) have begun providing free education to stateless children in the city.

Director of the programme, Hasmadi Olah, said the programme was a social service to educate the group.

"The response has been encouraging and we have provided them with the basics of education to the group comprising children between the ages of seven to twelve years," he said in a statement.

Hasmadi said besides the free education programme, it also aimed to provide soft skills to students in management and fostering ties be-

tween the UMS and UKM students.

"It will open the students' eyes to the suffering of the stateless community as well as the importance of education to

children," he said.

The six-day programme, which began on Jan 20, included 49 UMS and 40 UKM students as well as 30 stateless children. — Bernama