

UMS students model ethnic wear on top of Mount Kinabalu

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KOTA KINABALU: For 30 students and staff of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), it appears the sky's the limit in instilling love and knowledge of the nation's ethnic communities.

They garnered sufficient courage to model the communities' traditional wear at the peak of Mount Kinabalu recently.

The event, entitled 'Know Your Origin', saw the presentation of about 20 types of ethnic wear on Southeast Asia's highest mountain.

Among them were the traditional costumes of the Kadazan, Murut, Dusun, Bajau, Suluk, Malay, Bruneian, Chinese and Indian.

The event was held in accordance with the 1Malaysia concept emphasising the importance of upholding strong unity, despite the diversity in the country, said state culture and arts division chief Alan James.

In a statement here yesterday, he said the use of a range of traditional clothes depicted the unity in racial diversity in Malaysia.

"Different patterns and colors in the traditional attire signify the uniqueness, beauty and racial harmony in the country.

"To ensure the success of the event, the students and staff involved had to undergo a fitness regimen to prepare them physically and mentally for the challenge on the mountain top," added James.

The event was organised by the state culture and arts division, which comes under the Department of Student and Alumni Affairs and UMS Cul'Art Club.

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