

UMS to produce teachers keen on serving in remote areas

PENAMPANG: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) wants to see more teachers willing to be posted to schools in the remote areas of the state.

As such, it is encouraging students from its Education and Social Development School to participate in its "Projek Pembangunan Pelestarian Komuniti" so that they can get a first-hand life experience in the rural areas.

According to UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Seri Panglima ProfDr Kamaruzaman Ampon, its Education and Social Development School's Rural Education Reseach Unit has implemented the "Projek Pembangunan Pelestarian Komuniti" at SK Buayan here.

In his speech at the launching ceremony of the program by Penampang member of



UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Seri Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon (left) presenting a token of appreciation to Dompok witnessed by Penampang district education officer Denis Gompion.

parliament Tan Sri Bernard Dompok here yesterday, Kamaruzaman said the Unit was

responsible for the various researches in the area. Funding for the researches will

come from either the university or ministry in the form of grants as well as from other quarters.

At a press conference later, Kamaruzaman said UMS would be implementing similar programs as there are many areas in Sabah which need this kind of assistance.

"We will educate our students of the Education and Social Development School and for those who took part in the program at SK Buayan, the eight-hour trek to the remote village was an eye-opener for them.

"With exposure to the hardship, it may motivate them and plant the interest to teach in rural areas. We, in UMS, want to produce a group of teachers who would prefer to teach in rural areas," he stressed.

Also present at the launching ceremony was Penampang Education officer, Denis Gompion.