

# PKPP in UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The Co-curriculum and Students' Advancement Centre (PKPP) in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is committed to ensuring the academic excellence of undergraduates is balanced with humanity, leadership and character building through various activities outside the campus.

One of the activities conducted recently was a foster children programme by the Institution and Community Interaction Association (Interim) at Kg Sinisian, Kundasang.

"The programme provided not only an opportunity for UMS undergraduates to interact with the locals but also enabled them to build self-identity through the experience of living communally as well as the practice of good values and ethics.

"The two-day programme witnessed 40 students, most of them first year undergraduates, given the chance to experience living with families from different race, religion and culture," said PKPP in a statement, here, on Tuesday.

In the introduction session, the undergraduates were brought to visit a vegetable farm which is the main economic resource for the villagers. The visit was aimed to expose the students to the daily routines of the villagers.

"The students then interacted with the villagers through telematches, gotong-royong and the preparation for Edu Camp competition, an activity focused on education which tested the creative thinking level of children.

"The first day ended with a Cultural Night at the Walai Tokou Hall with various stage performances."

The second day saw the students wake up early for an activity at Walai Tokou at 5.40am. The activity tested the mental and physical endurance of the students to face the cold weather at the village.

The programme ended with a prize and donation presentation ceremony by UMS Board of Directors Chairman Tun Zaki Tun Azmi.

Zaki later planted a plant as a commemoration of the programme.