

# UMS conducts free medical, dental check-ups in interior during Rentas Borneo

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) annual Rentas Borneo 2016 (RB16) continues it reach out to folks in rural Sabah during the Kaamatan Festival.

According to UMS Board of Directors member Datuk Dr Yusof Yacob, this year's program remained focused on community engagement in the interior with various activities such as gotong royong.

However, he stressed much still needed to be done to help the people living in parts of the interior with low connectivity and access to facilities.

He hoped the convoy could make a difference with the free medical and dental check-ups in areas with poor connectivity.

"Indeed UMS really hopes every university program will bring an impact on society and the people throughout the Land Below the Wind," said Yusof.



Yusof (centre, wearing red) and Ismail (fourteenth left) with part of the team during the UMS Rentas Borneo 2016 kick off at the university's medicine and health sciences faculty premises yesterday.

"Of course I have great confidence that UMS will always have the strong will in its effort to contribute to the community," he added.

The RB16, which enters its third consecutive year, will forge its way into the state's interior towards its Kg Pun Batu,

Nabawan destination with 100 UMS staff from yesterday till May 30.

Along with them are participants from the State Health Department (JKNS) as well as Keningau FM and Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) crew, which will provide the media

coverage to raise awareness among the people regarding the socio-cultural and community life of minority groups in an isolated rural areas of Sabah.

Besides the increase in number of participation, 26 four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicles, assisted by UMS Four Wheel Drive

Volunteers Club (UMS4WDVC), sums up the total number of vehicles, which had escalated from Rentas Borneo 2015.

Apart from the medical screenings, a number of activities with the residents of Kg Puun Batu would be held during the two-day visit such as drawing and colouring competition for school children, four-wheel drive demonstration, cultural performances, Unduk Ngadau, football and volleyball competitions and the donation of clothing.

The Kaamatan and event's launch will be officiated on May 29 by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Pensiangan Member of Parliament Tan Sri Joseph Kurup, who donated RM10,000 for the cause.

Among those present at the event was UMS Psychology and Education Faculty dean and RB16 chairman Prof Dr Ismail Ibrahim.