

Children at the English language clinic.

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UMS community service in Tenom

KOTA KINABALU: Thirty-five Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) interim students organised a community service programme in Kg Baru, Tenom that mutually benefited them and the community.

One of the activities organised by the TESL students was an English language clinic for school children that was designed to help them communicate better in the language.

Other activities include a mural painting, singing of patriotic songs and a National Day logo design competition, all of which were aimed at fostering love for the country.

According to the programme director Dayang Norain, the main outcome of the community service programme was a better understanding of community life among students through the immersion.

She said by doing community service through their own different expertise, the students get to build a positive character from the experience.

The main highlight of the programme was the opening of a mini library that was made possible through the support from Celcom Timur Sabah, the Sabah State library and other local companies.

"We're grateful for what the UMS students have done for us. The mini library will be beneficial to our children," said Yamuk Acho, the village headman.

The mini library was officiated by Celcom Timur Sabah Chief Financial Officer Shaharul Niza Mohamad.