

Four siblings receive Masters degree at UMS convocation

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KOTA KINABALU: It was the happiest and sweetest moment for four siblings from Kampung Laut, Kinarut, Papar, when they all shared the stage with each receiving a Masters in Education Management at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) 18th convocation ceremony, here, Saturday.

The siblings were Baidi Baddiri, 42; Basni @ Basri Baddiri, 39; Nazari Baddiri, 34; and Ranidah Baddiri, 32.

They are the third, fourth and fifth of eight siblings. One served as a instructor at the Ministry of Health Training Institution; while the other three were teachers at SK Mansud, Kuala Penyu; SMK Tun Fuad Stephen, Kiulu, Tamparuli; and SK Saint Steven, Kuala Penyu.

When met by reporters after receiving their masters degree, the siblings who came from a poor family, said there were grateful that their hard work had paid off.

Baidi, who was the one who inspired his siblings to pursue their masters degree, said he came up with the idea as they all stayed not far from each other and they could study together.

He contributed their success to the support and motivation among them, as well as their desire to improve their level of education, despite facing various challenges.

He said although their late father was just a farmer cum fisherman and their mother, Rose Manjakop, 58, a housewife, it never dampened their desire to gain better education.



Siblings (from right) Ranidah, Nazari, Basni and Baidi with their Masters degree scrolls.