



The participants in a group picture prior to climbing Mt Kinabalu.

UMS plants the Jalur Gemilang state flags atop Mt Kinabalu

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KUNDASANG: Some 15 participants comprising students, staff, alumni, and strategic partners of Univerisiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) celebrated Malaysia Day by holding the inaugural "Kibarkan Jalur Gemilang dan 14 bendera negeri" programme at the summit of Mount Kinabalu, Wednesday.

UMS Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Dr Ismail Ali explained that the programme organised by the Department of Student Affairs (JHEP) was aimed to instill a patriotic spirit among students and the citizens in Malaysia.

"Apart from embracing 'Sayangi Malaysiaku', the climbers require a very strong physical and mental health as well as possessing a strong will to conquer the summit of Mount Kinabalu and waving the Jalur Gemilang flag along with 14 State flags of Malaysia.

"The programme also served as a plat-

form to strengthen relationship ties between the various groups and agencies involved with constant interaction and knowledge sharing among the climbers," he said after officiating the flagging off of the programme at Timpohon Gate, Kinabalu Park.

MASwings representative Leslie Vitalis, one of the UMS' strategic partners, expressed happiness and excitement for climbing up the mountain for the very first time, let alone doing it for Malaysia Day.

"A big thanks to UMS for organising this beneficial programme as a way to boost the patriotic spirits among the younger generation of today," added Leslie, who is also a stewardess.

Also present at the programme were UMS JHEP Chief Ahmadi Nurdin, and MASwings Chief Executive Officer Aminuddin Zakaria.