

# UMS students learnt and taught disaster preparedness



The participants and programme organisers at the disaster preparedness activity in Sepanggar yesterday.

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Thirty-five Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students from the Faculty of Humanity, Arts and Heritage have conducted a programme about disaster preparedness for the community in Kg Tanjung Layar, Sepanggar, recently.

Before this, the students have themselves undergone a two-day training managed by the Red Crescent Kota Kinabalu on disaster preparedness in dealing with tsunami and earthquake

The aim of the programme was to help the underprivileged community to understand the danger of natural disasters

and to prepare them to face the consequences.

The programme was assisted by nine members of Malaysian Civil Defence Department (JPAM) who guided the participants on the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP).

He is also the evaluator for the MKN 20 (National Security Council) Order in the event of earthquakes and tsunami or any disaster relief in Malaysia.

"It is important for the people who live along the coastline to know where to escape and get help during the earthquake and tsunami to minimise casualties," said programme leader Syahfizan adding that

he and his team also put a simulation into action during the training to make sure the information was well-delivered.

Meanwhile, participants were reminded that tsunami preparedness is a crucial part of disaster preparedness as Sabah is surrounded by many islands.

"The occurrence of tsunami is not only due to earthquake. We also have the tendency to experience tsunami whenever there is landslide from the neighbouring island just like the case in Japan back in 2012," he said.

Also present during the event was the Programme Coordinator, Dr Ayesah Uy Abubakar.