

FreeMarket@UMS receives overwhelming response

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KOTA KINABALU: Giving is better than receiving – that seemed to be the spirit inculcated at the FreeMarket@UMS here yesterday, where about 2,000 items exchanged hands without spending a single penny.

The second edition of the FreeMarket@UMS saw about 50 kind souls give away things such as

pre-loved kitchen utensils, apparels, gadgets, books, appliances, toys to health and beauty products, food, drinks, and fashion accessories to about 400 visitors at their stalls.

The innovative event, organised by the Welfare and Recreation Club of the Faculty of Computing and Informatics (FKI) in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah Islamic Cen-

tre (PIUMS), was aimed at inculcating the spirit of giving and community.

It was held at the Block B parking lot of the Faculty of Engineering.

Organising chairman, Dr Lau Hui Keng said the event created an opportunity for those who wanted to give away their unused things to others who are in need.

“The concept of a free market is that everything is free and visitors have to ask politely from the owners who are willingly to give away their things with a smile,” he said.

The crowd’s reception of the event was also overwhelming.

“Out of over 400 partic-

ipants, 50 of them are contributors with more than 2,000 items have exchanged hands. The receivers came from all walks of life including from the UMS community.

“Most of the visitors are extremely grateful for the donations. In fact, there are contributors who came as far from Tawau to participate in this event,” said Dr Lau who later handed out appreciation certificates to the contributors.

For those who are interested to contribute as well as those in need, the official Facebook page for FreeMarket@UMS is at <https://www.facebook.com/freemarketUMS/>.



Visitors swarm around the free market.



GIVING IS BETTER THAN RECEIVING... The men and women who made the FreeMarket@UMS event possible.