



Prof Zainal (fifth left) with others at the launching of the programme.

100 UMS medical students adopted by Kudat folks

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 KUDAT: The University-Family Sharing Programme (Pupuk) started by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) since 2006 continues to be a platform for medical students to interact with communities in the State's interior area.

Prof Dr Zainal Ariffin Mustapa said the programme involves continuous linkages between universities, the Ministry of Health, the State Government and local residents in the success of community health programmes.

"This programme is a curriculum ac-

tivity for medical and nursing students, among others, to facilitate the relationship between the university and the community," he said at the handing over of Pupuk foster family programme at Sikuati here, recently.

The event was officiated by District Officer Sapdin Ibrahim.

According to Prof Zainal, the programme saw 100 FPSK students attached to 30 families in Kampung Pinawantai, Matunggong, Kudat.

Meanwhile, Sapdin said the programme has had a positive impact on the people from various villages around

Kudat since its implementation.

"It is hoped that this programme will continue to be held here for the benefit of rural communities, especially in Kudat and the surrounding areas," he said.

Kg Pinawantai's village chief, Suntiam Mantagilir expressed gratitude that his village was chosen for the implementation of the programme.

"I hope the programme would increase awareness on the importance of knowledge and health care of the people and families to the villagers," said Suntiam.