

UMS students do their bit for society

KOTA KINABALU: The students association of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Welfare and Community Bureau) is organising a goodwill project (Titian Muhibbah) in Sindumin, Sipitang, from April 25 to May 1.

The project, in collaboration with the National Unity and Community Development Ministry and Sabah Solidarity Committee, is an approach towards the manifestation of the UMS philosophy that "education is based on the principles in belief of God and building of society and progressive, disciplined and dedicated students towards achieving peace for the people and the nation".

According to a UMS statement Thursday: the programme involving 50

students also allows the participants an opportunity to witness the local environment and current development in the area and propose new changes that could improve the living standard of the local community.

The project themed "*Mahasiswa Prihatin Masyarakat Gemilang*" (Students Striving for an Excellent Society) is also aimed at generating student interest in seeking positive solutions to overcome social ills.

Meanwhile, UMS' School of Psychology and Social Work (SpsikS) will be embarking on a five-day community project in Semporna, beginning May 2.

The programme, Projek Bakti Siswa

(Dedicated Students Project) is the first to be organised by UMS, under the patronage of Head of State Tun Haji Sakaran Dandai, Datuk Haji Mohd Shafie Haji Apdal and Datuk Nasir Tun Sakaran.

Other than activities involving the local community, the programme also covers a motivation workshop for students taking their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) and Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) examinations, to be conducted at SMK Panglima Abdullah by UMS lecturers.

The project is aimed at promoting greater harmony involving culture, interaction and communication in the east coast through acquisition of new knowledge and experience.