

Clean water supply for 600, thanks to academicians

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KOTA KINABALU: About 600 villagers of Kg Merabau in Kota Belud can now enjoy clean water supply, thanks to joint efforts by a group of academicians and support staff from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Kota Kinabalu Training Institute here.

The group, comprising 80 academicians and support staff, put their science and technology skills to test by building a micro water treatment system through their community service programme which began early this month.

Among the main activities was to build a micro water treatment system for the mosque which will benefit villagers.

The concept which uses commercial water treatment techniques was modified to a micro size to accommodate the capacity needs of the village.

"We hope this innovative idea would benefit and provide positive social impact to the community, particularly those who do not have access to clean water supply," said the programme's Director Associate Prof. Dr Baba Musta after officiating the event on Saturday.

He said science and technology knowledge can be applied through such pro-



The micro water treatment system built by the academicians for villagers of Kg Merabau.

grammes which will benefit the people.

Meanwhile, in TENOM, about 247 houses at Kg Lagud and Kg Liuh were provided with clean water supply early this month.

Village Chief, Laidin b. Laikim, said the development of clean water supply, deepening of Bouh river and applying cement

to 1.4 km of village road were requested in 2013 under Member of Parliament Datuk Raime Unggi's allocation.

"We are thankful to Barisan Nasional (BN) for their kind consideration to the rakyat's needs."

"This shows the government's promises are actually being fulfilled."