

21 take part in UMS' food workshop

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KOTA KINABALU: Twenty one villagers and homestay operators took part in a workshop on food preparation and handling at Hotelab, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently.

The workshop was organised by Borneo Tourism Research Centre, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy and Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK) where it focuses on menu planning, food and beverages preparation, handling, safety, storage and table setting.

The workshop was officiated by Deputy Dean of Postgraduate and Student Affairs for Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, Dr. Arif @ Kamisan Pusiran.

In his speech he said, it is important for the villagers to know how to prepare and handle food correctly to ensure safety of the food that will be served to the visitors and tourists.

"Food and beverage is an important part in any tourism experience and it is the responsibility of the provider to ensure the food experience is always positive".

He also commended the effort and the enthusiasm of the villagers in building their capacity to excel in the tourism sector.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the program, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Awangku Hassanah Bahar Pengiran Bagul hopes that the villagers will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation on high quality and



Some of the villagers doing a hands on approach in food preparation.

standard of food and beverage, which directly contributes towards more positive tourism experience for the visitors and tourists.

"The workshop organised by UMS and DBKK is very valuable in preparing the villagers to go into tourism and this is an exciting times for the village as they are now receiving local visitors some from Japan and Korea," he said.

Also present at the event was the Chairman for Village Development and Security Committee of Kampung Kobuni, Aji Rum-

buton; and the Director of Economic, Tourism and International Relations Bureau DBKK, Fauziahton Awang Samad to represent the city hall and handing out the certificates to participants at the end of the workshop.

For the record, Kobuni Village is located in Inanam with close proximity to Kionsom waterfalls and launched its homestay programme in March 2018.

Last year, the village won the Cleanest Kampung Award under City Hall's Litter-Free Kampung Competition.