



BETTER GROWTH ... Shahril (5th left) and Joniston (4th left) with the mulberry plants during the handover ceremony.

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KIULU: Community of Kampung Tudan will now be able to produce more mulberry-based products with their newly-provided mini factory.

Kampung Tudan Mini Factory is a result of joint efforts between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) researchers and the community of Kampung Tudan where it has been supported and assisted by Malaysian Innovation Foundation (YIM).

The project which started with the Knowledge Transfer Programme (KTP) was led by Dr. Fify Hanisdah Saikim from Tropical Biology and Conservation Institute (IBTP) and saw 150 participants from Kampung Tudan.

"During the early stage, the project aimed at helping the Kampung Tudan community in producing high quality tea and Mulberry-based products where the participants were brought to UMS and were exposed to the techniques of grafting local Mulberry trees with various kinds of imported breed," said UMS Deputy Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr. D. Kamarudin D. Mudin.

"The programme also aimed at improving the quality of the tea and mulberry," he added.

He said this in his text speech which was delivered by UMS Deputy Chancellor of Research and Innovation Professor Dr. Shahril Yusof during the Mini Factory Handover Ceremony at Kampung Tudan Community Hall on Monday.

Kamarudin also pointed out that with Sabah Tourism



JOINT EFFORT ... Shahril (6th left) with officials and the Kampung Tudan community.

Factory will boost mulberry products at Kampung Tudan

Board's collaboration, Kampung Tudan Mulberry Tea has gained recognition from the Sabahans as well as the foreigners.

"The Kampung Tudan Mulberry Tea Project has even represented Malaysia to the International-level Enactus World Cup last year which was held in London," he stated, adding that the product has also won a bronze medal in the

Malaysian Technology Expo (MTE) which was held last February in Kuala Lumpur.

"The effort in improving the quality of Mulberry tea has also resulted in the invention of Morus Dryer with the help and expertise of Associate Professor Dr. Jidon @ Adrian Janaun from the Faculty of Engineering through Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) Social Innovation

(MSI)'s grant, where the invention has also won a bronze medal," Kamarudin also expressed his gratitude to MOSTI and FIM for funding the research costing.

Also present were Kiulu assemblyman Datuk Joniston Bangkuai and MOSTI Secretary in Services, Development, and Science Technology and Innovation Culture Suhaimi Hamzah.