

# Yayasan Felda and UMS sign Letter of Intent for English course



Ismail (2nd right) together with Banuri (2nd left) and Khairuddin (3rd left) during the letter of intent (LOI) signing ceremony between UMS and Yayasan Felda at Grand Borneo Hotel yesterday.

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Yayasan Felda has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) together with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through the Yayasan Felda Intensive English Course.

The collaboration will allow the children of Felda settlers in Felda Sahabat, especially the SPM graduates, to improve

their English skills.

Through the programme, students will be exposed and taught English communication skills, reading and writing by UMS while preparing them for Malaysian University English Test (MUET), which is mandatory for them to enter a university.

During the signing, Yayasan Felda Board of trustee member Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin

Ab. Hamid said he is grateful to UMS for entering a collaborative effort with Yayasan Felda for the benefit of the people. The programme will involve lecturers from UMS Faculty of Psychology and Education and Bachelor of Education in TESL (Teaching of English as a Second Language) final year students in the Yayasan Felda Intensive English Course programme.



A group photo session after the ceremony.

"I am amazed at UMS for their effort in sending their experienced English lecturers and students to help our Felda settlers' children.

"I hope that through this collaboration, we can organise more of this programme in the future for the benefit of the people," he said in his speech.

The programme will be initiated next year which in-

volves three secondary and four primary schools at Wilayah Sahabat. Every session of the programme will be held for three months. "Besides that, the programme would also allow them (UMS) to catch a glimpse of the life of people in Felda, and the way they live," he added.

"On behalf of the people of Felda, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to UMS, for

collaborating with us in this programme and I hope that we can expand our collaboration to other activities such as education seminars and many more," he stated.

Also present during the ceremony was Yayasan Felda General Manager Mohd Banuri Aris and also Prof. Dr Ismail Ibrahim from UMS Faculty of Psychology and Education.