

UMS medical alumni brings festive cheer to Likas Hospital

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KOTA KINABALU: The alumni of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) returned to their alma mater to celebrate Kaamatan and Hari Raya with the children at Sabah Women and Children Hospital (SWACH) here yesterday.

The event was co-organized by UMS Nursing Students' Association, Medical Students' Association and

The Love Bags in conjunction with the double celebration. The Love Bags is a composition of friends and relatives that are compassionate towards those in need. Established in 2008, they are active in making group contributions to the needy all over Malaysia. The aim is to simply let those in need know that there are people out there who care about their well-being.

The event began with a speech by UMS FMHS Deputy Dean of Students' Affairs and Alumni, Dr Yeap Boon Tat, who congratulated the organisers for working closely to ensure the programme a success.

"Today's event sets an important stepping stone and history in the books of FMHS UMS. The alumni of FMHS - which comprise of medical, nursing and lab technicians - worked together with NUSA and MEDSTAS - to celebrate the Raya and Kaamatan festival with the children. As UMS is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its establishment this year, we would like to re-emphasize ourselves as a community engaged university.

"We strive to bring affordable healthcare to the people of all walks of life with the impending establishment of Hospital Universiti Malaysia Sabah (HUMS) in January 2021," said Dr Yeap,

who was also the first batch of UMS medical students in 2003-2008.

The activities during the event include presentation of 200 goodie bags to the children by the founder of The Love Bags, Nur Davina Skymmar, UMS FMHS alumni and students to the paediatric patients of SWACH.

"The presentation of goodie bags to the children is hoped to ease their sorrow and bring joy to them for the upcoming Hari Raya and Kaamatan. We believe in the power of love, especially when we witnessed the unity formed not only during our fund raising for The Love Bags goodies by our family and friends, but also in preparing it as a whole.

"We believe together, we can continue spreading love. We hope these children will recuperate fast from their illness and celebrate the occasions with their beloved family at home," said Davina.

"I would like to thank the Vice Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr D. Kamaruddin D. Mudin for supporting our event. We hope to make this a yearly program whereby the UMS alumni will collaborate with the current students in various intellectual activities. We aim to bridge the gap between the generations and help each other to bring community wellness to its best to portray the good image of UMS," added Dr Yeap.



The alumni with the medical and nursing students at the distribution of the Love Bags at the Pediatrics Ward, Hospital Likas.