



Dr. Rafiq watching the children doing their work.

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La Salle, varsity alumni organise programs for rural students

KOTA KINABALU: The Association of Ex-Students of La Salle and Sacred Heart and the International Islamic University Malaysia's Alumni (Sabah Chapter) jointly organized a 4x4 educational trip to SK Malinsau in Ranau.

The 4x4 educational trip, comprising a series of motivation programs at targeted schools in rural areas, was organised by the La Salle alumni's education bureau headed by Dr Rafiq Idris, a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Besides Dr Rafiq, the programs were collectively handled by Rafley Abd Rasit (Pusat Asasi Sains, UMS), Cikgu Hairin Mahat and Sh. Suryati Wan Sarip (teacher, SK Malinsau).

Dr Rafiq said: "It is hoped that the programs will help students to better prepare for the UPSR examination."

"The school has been very supportive and its headmaster (Jamain Abdul Halim) and the two assistant headmasters' (Dahim Hj Reman and Bedy Sinporokot) hospitality were

awesome," he added.

On the program's theme, the emphasis of the motivation program was to increase awareness among students on the importance of having ambitions in life, applying time management and strategies for the UPSR exam.

Other activities were also conducted during the half-day programs, including motivation talk, group discussion with facilitator and video presentation among others.

This was the second program under this 4x4 educational trip to SK Malinsau. More similar programmes would be organised this year.

Dr Rafiq emphasised that La Salle Alumni and IIUM Alumni (Sabah Chapter) were very concerned about education performances of students in Sabah and they were committed in organising more motivation programmes voluntarily in the rural areas this year.

"This is part of the alumni's efforts to give back to the society. This has been instilled into us as La Sallians," Dr Rafiq added.