

“Momisok” to premier in December

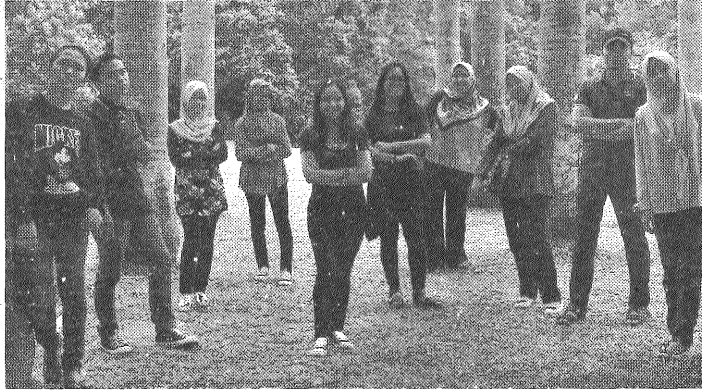
At the mere mention of “momisok”, most people today especially among the younger generation would be intrigued by the unfamiliarity of the word.

To the Kadazandusun community of Sabah, “momisok” is a ceremony that acts as a final farewell to the soul of the deceased before it continues its journey to the afterlife. The word itself roughly translates into “memadam”, which means “to erase”.

However, in the age of smart phones and advanced technologies, it is fast becoming a thing of the past especially to the younger generations as tradition gradually gives way to modernization.

This phenomenon is the catalyst for the team of students from Thriwalk Production to produce a film based on fast disappearing local traditions.

The team consists of stu-



Mirlen (6th right) and Eleanor (5th right) with the production team.

dents undertaking Bachelor’s in Creative Arts (Writing Major) in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Led by Mirlen Axtius as the production director, “momisok” was filmed at Kg. Kionsom, Inanam. The actors and actresses portrayed in the short film were made up of bachelor’s degree students and also locals from the

village itself.

“Momisok” is a thriller-horror short film about the death customs of the Dusun race in Sabah. It revolves around Idus and Igama, who are well-known by villagers as close friends.

One unfortunate day, Idus’ lifeless body was mysteriously found with wounds all over.

Not having any evidence as to who the killer might be, villagers began to point their fingers at a man, one Pogog, the village outcast.

The mystery was finally unraveled on the sixth night of Idus’ death, during the ‘momisok’ ceremony.

According to Casting Manager, Eleanor Michelle Patrick the premiere will be held at Dewan Resital, UMS from December 13 to 15, with tickets being sold as low as RM3.

“As part of our initiatives to raise funds for the production process, Thriwalk Production will be opening orders for their production t-shirt (RM22) with one free ticket to the screening in December,” she said when contacting New Sabah Times, recently.

For more information, please contact Mirlen (017- 8991419) and Eleanor (011-31467047).

“Nikambalu” uncovers students’ talents



The Starwolf Studio production team.

THIRD YEAR STUDENTS undertaking Bachelor’s in Creative Arts (Writing Major) in University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) produced a short film titled “Nikambalu”.

The production team dubbed as Starwolf Studio and all the actors involved in the short film were Dusun people.

The film, of adventure genre, is basically a story about ‘pantang-larang’ in Sabah’s forest. It tells a story of a group of travellers who had a little expedition inside the Nikambalu

Forest, looking for antidotes for Leprosy disease (also known as ‘penyakit pangkot’ by the local people or ‘penyakit Kusta’). The travellers were led by two guides, but some of them have violated taboo while in the forest.

The Starwolf Studio production team is welcoming everyone to come and watch the short film on 12 to 14 December at Dewan Resital, UMS, which premieres in conjunction with the Digital Screen Awards Festival.