

# UMS conducts specialist clinic services in Kudat



**FOR A WORTHY CAUSE...**  
among the UMS specialists and staff who were involved in serving the people at the RMEC in Kudat

NST 20.8.2020 5

**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently conducted specialist clinic services at its Rural Medical Education Centre (RMEC) in Kudat.

The dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Prof Dr. Saffree Jeffree said the faculty's specialist and trainee lecturers travelled 190km to Kudat in order to run specialist clinics twice a month on the average at the RMEC.

"The faculty has 127 specialists who cover the entire range of specialties from internal medicine to ophthalmology and to orthopaedics.

"We intend to leverage on our human assets to do what we do best, which is

providing evidence-based specialist care services to the people," he said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Saffree added that the specialist clinic services were crucial as Kudat was one of the districts furthest geographically from a tertiary hospital in Sabah.

Meanwhile, state health director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi expressed support for the university's efforts which could help reduce the treatment gap between urban and rural areas in Sabah.

And, Hospital Universiti Malaysia Sabah (HUMS) director, Prof Dr Helen Benedict Lasimbang said two specialty services – psychiatry and Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)

spearheaded by Dr Nicholas Pang and Dr Amiruddin Mohd Kassim as well as Dr Eugene Wong, respectively, have already started at the RMEC in Kudat.

She said the long term plan was for FMHS specialists serving at HUMS to spread their wings both to RMEC Kudat in an outpatient setting and to perform elective surgeries in Kudat Hospital.

"Specialist services will be expanded gradually to RMEC Kudat over the next one year," Dr Helen said.

For more information, contact RMEC Kudat at 088-612460 to find out latest specialist clinic consultation time or to book an appointment.