



UMS students with the children.

UMS organises welfare activities in Semporna

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SEMPORNA: Students of the International Business Programme, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accounting (FPEP) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) conducted charity activities with the residents of Kampung Air, here, recently.

According to Director of the project, James Maxwell Anak Buie, the "We Care, We Share" project to help the villagers focuses on activities done by the group at the Semporna Alternative School and around the vicinity of Kampung Air, Semporna, involving 34 students together with the FPEP lecturer, Chan Hak Liong acting as the project supervisor.

"The main objective of this charitable activity is to foster the attitude of UMS students towards the rural community, with UMS students donating unused items to ease the burden on students and teachers at the alternative school, here in Semporna.

"In addition, the other purpose of this social work is to foster closer friendships

between UMS students and the rural community and to encourage these children to study hard and reach the tertiary stage of education," he said.

James said that among the activities carried out during the programme were the wood wall painting by the UMS students and the children as well as the go-tong-royong activities around the Kampung Air area that aimed to emphasise the importance of maintaining environmental cleanliness to prevent diseases such as dengue outbreak.

"Such charitable activities have taught us to never forget those in need.

"The encouragement we give to these children, may be a catalyst for them to change the fate of their families one day," James said.

At the end of the programme, the students presented a gift to the children at the alternative school which put smiles on their faces.