SEMPORNA: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) organised a Young Entrepreneur Development Programme recently to produce young entrepreneurs for the seaweed industry.

UMS Entrepreneurship Development and Research director Dr Bonaventure Boniface said based on a recent survey conducted in Semporna, they found the involvement level of young people in the seaweed industry was very low due to lack of interest to venture into the industry.

Thus, the course was conducted for a comprehensive exposure to entrepreneurship, particularly in relation to the seaweed industry. "We managed to uncover the potential of the young during the three-day study which helped participants on methods to draft their business more simply and effectively," he said.

"Two presentations of food products based on seaweed namely 'Magic Collagen Ice Cream' and 'De'Lato Mermalade jam' were produced by the participants of the course."

A total of 60 participants comprising students from the Semporna Community College, Risda College and Poly-Tech Mara College participated in the programme.