UMS community programme at Beringgis children home

PAHR: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently organised a community service programme for a group of its students under the credited co-curriculum Students and Community Interaction (Sucit) at the Rumah Kalak-Kalak Beringgis, here. One of the goals is to help give value to the residents of the Home built on 6.55 acres at Kg Beringgis.

The Home which can accommodate 100 people began operations on March 25, 2004 with only 46 residents. It was gazetted as a safe house under the Children Act 2001 on Sept 1, 2003.

Most of the residents sheltered here are from broken homes, have been neglected, abused or abandoned babies.

Among activities conducted throughout the one-day programme included colouring, gomnbye, drawing and fun games for the children.

UMS signs MoU to advance Sabah's economy

Meanwhile, Sedia Chief Executive Datuk Dr Mohd Yaakub Johari said the collaboration is expected to contribute to the state's economy in terms of tracking its economic performance.

"Aside from tracking the economic performance of Sabah, I hope that through this collaboration we can proceed further to the micro-economics level," he said.

According to UMS Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy Dean Professor Madya Dr Raman Noordin, the conference aimed to provide a platform for parties to present their ideas, information, research and concerns on issues related to the global economy.

He said participants from various countries such as Japan, Philippines, Bangladesh, South Korea and Taiwan took part in the two-day event themed Economic Integration and Global Sustainability, where 77 paper presentations were held with various topics ranging from international trade to health economics.

Earlier, Sarma said the conference also deliberated on and discussed issues on economic integration such as Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)'s role in regional free trade areas and the importance of institutional procedures on land use.

She said the conference keynote speakers have also addressed other topics such as land economics, the impact of agricultural development on the welfare of economic agents, cross-border cooperation in Asia and structural transformation based on industrialization to meet economic goals.

UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Shahril Bin Yusoff, SEDA Chief Executive Datuk Dr Mohd Yaakub Johari and IDS Associate Director Chong Yen then represented their respective parties in the signing of the MoU.