

## 'Rentas Borneo' 2015 Meets Pagalungan Community

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### Pegalungan Rentas Borneo

**FRIDAY, 08 MAY** – 'Rentas Borneo' 2015 programme, with the aim of getting closer with the interior community of Sabah achieved its goal for Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) when a total of 92 member group using 23 four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicles helped conclude the mission.

Rentas Borneo 2015, organised by the Faculty of Psychology and Education (FPP) and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK), UMS chose the small town Pagalungan located in Pensiangan, Nabawan to hold their community service and their research on the socio-economic of the community.

Chairman of Rentas Borneo 2015 who is also the Dean of FPP, Prof. Ismail Ibrahim said, in addition to bond UMS with the rural community, the participants would also be able to explore and understand the way of life of this community and with limited access to their area.

“The people of Pagalungan welcomed the approach by UMS and hopes that a series of such programmes would be held in their area in the future,” he said when met at Pagalungan Cultural Hall.

According to him, the joy was clearly shown on the faces of the community when they saw the presence of UMS especially in a large group to come and see for themselves their village.

He added, Rentas Borneo 2015 participants also conducted a number of community activities, education and cultural performances to the community there.

“Among the activities held was an English language motivational workshop conducted by the Dean of the Faculty of International Finance Labuan, Associate Professor Dr. Syed Nasirin Syed Zainol Abidin; a workshop on drawing and colouring by the Deputy Dean of Student Affairs and Alumni, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW), Associate Professor Dr. Baharudin Mohd Arus; vocal class by FKSW lecturer, Sharip Zainal Sagkif Shek; academic lectures and methods of application for admission to the university, clothes donation, karaoke competition, 4WD exhibition, vehicle demonstration and visit to Kg. Selungai long house,” he further added.

Prof, Dr. Ismail also expressed his appreciation for the commitment of all participants who participated in this programme.

“I am very grateful for the commitment shown by all participants, especially vehicle drivers who are mostly members of the 4WD Drive Club UMS who are willing to support such community programme that are mentally and physically challenging,” he quipped.

The programme, which took four days was officiated by Member of Parliament for Pensiangan and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Kurup. – *CD (fl)*

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