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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will continue to implement its Community Home Project to help underprivileged families especially from the rural area.

UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Professor Dr Ismail Ali said that the university has already implemented the project in four districts in the state in Kota Belud, Tawau, Sipitang and Sandakan.

"The Community Home Project is part of UMS corporate social responsibility programme to help the underprivileged families to own their own home," he said.

He was speaking at the handing over of a community home at Kampung Pelakat, Sapok Sipitang, on Sunday. The programme was officiated by Sabah Barisan National Youth Chief Yamani Hafez Musa.

Ismail explained that each house of the Community Home project is 609 square feet, and equipped with three bedrooms, one toilet, a kitchen and living room.

"The house was built at a cost of RM20,000 in less than a month using industrialised building system (IBS)."

"I would like to thank the UMS Department of Student Affairs & Alumni together with their team of volunteered students to complete the house. "

"Although the students are busy with their packed study schedule, they managed to complete the house eventually," he said.

Mohammad bin Johanes @ Rosli, 40, the recipient of the house, works in a furniture store.

During the programme, 100 students received stationery aids and 30 UMS students from Sipitang received book vouchers.