FKAL alumni conduct photography sessions with students

LABUAN: The Labuan Faculty of International Finance (FKAL) conducted a photography session on March 26-29 at Universiti Malaysia Sabah Labuan International Campus main building.

The programme was attended by both lecturers and students of the faculty. This is the second activity of FKAL Alumni Association this year in collaboration with the faculty. The patron of the association is Dr Zaidon Osman (Dean), the observers are Dr Mohd Fahmi Ghazali and SamsulBahari Mohd Nasir, while the chairperson is Sunilah Sidek.

The programme was officiated by the deputy dean (Student Affair & Alumni) Dr Mohd Fahmi Ghazali who also served as the first-observer.

The photography session was first taken for HE10 (International Finance Students) on March 26 and ended on March 29 for HE20 (Islamic Finance Students).

According to Dr Mohd Fahmi, the organizer, the purpose of the photography session was to establish good rapport between students and lecturers, in which during the session, a small talk was allowed to flow from students to lecturers and vice versa.

The photography session is the second activity by the association after a fruitful career talk conducted on March 18, he added.

In addition, the programme was also aimed at providing a platform for the faculty to create a memorable memory with the students, where the final year students are expected to graduate this year and the photography session allowed to record their sweet memories while studying at the faculty.

As time passes by, the photos taken would become a masterpiece and some would say an asset to flash back sweet memories of students during their studies at the faculty.

The programme ended with a small briefing and appreciation by Dr Mohd Fahmi to all lecturers, supporting staff and students who made the photography session a success.

The 'Coffee, Books and Wildlife' participants.

UMS tourism club promotes reading

KOTA KINABALU: The Tourism Club UMS (TRUMS) recently organised its second 'Coffee, Books and Wildlife' of the year.

Fourteen people attended the book club event organised by Layarah Hushin, the head of the project.

TRUMS utilized the private wildlife library of books collection of 1StopBorneo Wildlife, a local wildlife NGO. The NGO has over 150 nature related books.

During the event, everyone was invited to select any book/magazine/journal of their choice. After the selection, everyone was given 46 minutes to read their chosen material after which, they all returned to the table to discuss what they learned from their chosen materials.

Intelligent discussions and new friendships were made during the sessions. The public is welcome to attend these events. Dr Tini Mehtar, the head of Tourism Department UMS HP08, also attended the session to lend her support.

Some of the fun facts discussed were that pygmy elephants have poor eyesight and depend on scents like urine and sweat to move, while ants have a very important role in the ecosystem such as decomposing organic matter, nutrient cycle, soil enrichment, control pests and help plants and seed dispersal. Why do birds have feathers? They function to protect against cold, heat, wind, rain and visual display or camouflage and flight. There are seven sub species of leopards in the world and they can be differentiated by the size of their dots.

The objectives of the Coffee, Books and Wildlife event is to nurture a reading culture among the public, create further knowledge on Borneo wildlife and also utilise this new knowledge for tourism and conservation purposes. The public can stay tuned on TRUMS Club and 1StopBorneo Wildlife Facebook pages for more future book clubs and other nature related activities.