724 join Aids Charity Run & Walk at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 724 people from all walks of life took part in the Aids Charity Run & Walk 2018 held in the compounds of Chancellors Hall, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday.

The event, which was held in conjunction with World AIDS Day 2018, was organised by UMS and Persatuan Perubatan Desea Sabah (Perdea) and co-organised by the Sabah Health Department and Persatuan Pelajar Perubatan Medsas.

During the event, Assistant Trade and Industry Minister Azhar Matussin presented portions of the proceeds to two organisations, the Wadah Pencerdasan Umat Malaysia and the Sabah AIDS Support Service Association (Kashfi).

To show support for the fight against AIDS, UMS had opted to organise its own HIV/AIDS Awareness Week from December 1 to 8.

Various programmes were held over the course of the week, namely a poster-designing competition, creative video-making competition, awareness workshops, colouring competition and the charity run.

“The purpose of the HIV/AIDS Awareness Week 2018 is to spread more awareness on the disease, especially among the Higher Learning Institutions (IPT) students and to encourage more members of the public to take preventive measures in curbing the spread of the disease,” said Azhar, who is also the Karambunai assemblyman.

The charity run was divided into two categories, 5km and 7km.

Also present at the event were the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science Dean Prof Dr Mohamad Safree Jeffree and City Hall Director-General Datuk Amruullah Kanal.

UMS students volunteers in replanting conservation

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TAWAU: Student volunteers from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) played their part in conservation by replanting 232 native and hardwood trees in the effort to restore the rainforest habitat of Sabah’s endangered elephants.

“Connecting people with wildlife through eco-volunteer- ing projects puts participants directly to drive meaningful change in conserving the environment and spread the message of protecting wildlife,” said Dr Timi Mazzura Mohzar, UMS Head of the Tourism Management programme.

Participants on board the programme at the #plantforborneoelephants project site bend together to replant rainforest trees at plantations as new sanctuaries for elephants and other wildlife found in the wildlife corridor.

Additionally, Dr Timi said the initiative, which was first kick-started by Plants4borneo, is also aimed at changing the view of plantation owners towards elephants which are assets for eco-tourism that create new source of income for plantations.

During the programme, students and general visitors also joined in the planting activity and were given a deeper insight into conservation tourism of Borneo’s elephants in the plantations.

With the successful completion of their tree-planting activities, students were also presented with certificates in recognition of their efforts in doing their bit for rainforest rehabilitation and protection.

“We want to show how even small efforts count and can go a long way in protecting our priceless wildlife,” said Assistant Conservation and Environmental Manager, Hafizul. Carrying their backpacks, caps and bandanas, the participants also spent their time getting into the shoes of a wildlife ranger, patrolling and searching for wildlife in the jungle.

On increasing participation to the tree replanting programmes, Dr Timi commented this initiative also welcomes the contribution from corporate organisations to support conservation, moreover this activity should be made a regular event to promote love for wildlife and nature.

Majlis Makan Malam Sukarelawan JKM Labuan penuh warna warni

LABUAN: Majlis Makan Malam Sukarelawan (Gala Night To All Volunteer Labuan) disaburi dengan penul meriah dan warna warni apabila lebih 200 sukarelawan Jabatan Kajian Masyarakat (JKM) Labuan.

Majlis yang bertajuk "Glamorous" an- jury sukarelawan JKM Labuan itu telah di- adakan di hotel Tiara Labuan pada Ahad.


Pg. Ishak ketika berupa merasakan majlis itu mengacapkan syabas dan sahlah kepada sukarelawan JKM yang tidak pernah mengenal panas dan selalu dalam menuruh baik bagi mem- bantu golongan yang kurang berkemampuan secara sukarela.

"JKM Labuan amat berbangga dengan se- mua yang ditunjukkan oleh Sukarelawan JKM yang telah bertanggung hims melakukan kerja kebakuan secara sukarela tanpa meminta apa pun balasan," katanya.

Juara itu beliau berkata, Majlis Makan Malam Sukarelawan yang juling bulaya diadakan ini adalah bantuan untuk menghargai pangkat sukarelawan JKM yang telah membuka berbagai kerjasama dalam melaksanakan aktiviti dan program yang dianjurkan oleh JKM Labuan sepanjang tahun 2018.

Pebagi pengisian merentasi telah diadakan pada malam tersebut antara antara penyanyian Anugerah Klas Sukarelawan, persembahan Hi- buran pentas, sambutan hari jadi, pertandingan Catwalk, anugerah 'King and Queen Of The Night' dan cabaran nama berasu.

Sementara itu, sukarelawan JKM, Roslin Tu- ah dan Harith Abdul Manan masing-masing dinobatkan sebagai pemenang 'King and Queen Of The Night' oleh JENIUSI DJIMIN.