Some of participants of the community service programme.

Over 1.3 tons of rubbish collected by UMS volunteers at Sepanggar

KOTA KINABALU: Over 100 volunteers from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) carried out a community service programme at Kampung Selimbangun, Sepanggar recently and successfully collected 1,377.33 kgs of rubbish.

The event, organized by UMS student welfare committee (JAKMAS) from Tun Fuad Residential College (FRC) was led by coordinators, Rohelizam Lamdin and Nor Olaya.

Three agencies were involved in the programme, namely, the State Environment Department, Kota Kinabalu City Hall and Yayasan Duta Kebajikan Muslim Timur Malaysia (CDAM). According to programme director, Humaira Fong Zi Li, the voluntary work is not only giving students an opportunity to serve the community, but also to raise awareness on the importance of cleanliness and protection of the environment.

Apart from rubbish collection activity, volunteers and villagers also participated in a Zumba exercise in the morning and attended a talk about the environment presented by the government agencies involved.

We are hoping more volunteers will continue this effort in the future and more ideas will be injected to add more related programmes that will benefit the community,” she said.

Geoscience-related research crucial to ensure sustainability

KOTA KINABALU: The National Geoscience Conference 2019 (NGC 2019) returns for its 32nd edition this year with the theme "Geoscience for The Earth's Sustainability".

It aims to discuss potentials, risks and crisis as well as management methods that are in line with modernisation, within science and technology practices everywhere.

A premier Malaysian geoscientific event, it is jointly organised by the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Mineral and Geoscience Department Malaysia (JMG), from October 1-3 at The Palace Hotel, here.

UMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Tauriq Yap Yusuf said that geoscience-related research is crucial to ensuring the survival and sustainability of Malaysia.

“Hence, the NGC 2019 is a platform for bringing together experts from various agencies, whether government or non-governmental organisations to share their findings. We discussed in his speech read by UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Professor Dr. Rauzi Amin, how the conference can contribute to development sustainability, economic well-being and betterment of life for our society,” he said.

Meanwhile, during the opening event, UMS and UMS (Science and Natural Resources Faculty) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to declare a mutual intention to encourage and promote co-operation in teaching and research.

At NGC 2019, a total of 170 participant registrations were received from Malaysia, of which 133 technical papers were accepted for oral presentation, 32 technical papers were presented and approximately 50 registered general participants.