

UMS presents report on alternative education

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has presented the report entitled 'An Evaluation on Alternative Education Programme at Kampung Numbak' during a roundtable discussion organised by UNICEF Malaysia here on Aug 23.

According to a statement Thursday, the event was attended by representatives from UNICEF, Education Ministry (MOE), Federal Special Task Force, Society for the Promotion of Human Rights (ProHAM), Kampung Numbak village head, Numbak Educare Centre (NEC) teachers and several non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

It said the event began with an address by Wivina Belmonte, UNICEF Representative to Malaysia, followed by the presentation of the findings of the evaluation by Prof. Dr Vincent Pang, the leader of the evaluation team.

UNICEF's Malaysia contracted UMS to conduct the evaluation in October 2012. The research members consisted of Dr Pang, Dr Lee Kean Wah, Crispina Gregory K Han, Ng Shi Ing and Yoon Sook Jhee.

The research also supported by other associate members including Dr Tan Choon Keong from the School of Education and Social Development (SPPS), Chua Yong Wei and Brenda Wright from the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning (PPIB).

The presentation focused on the five parameters used in evaluation namely Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Outcomes and Sustainability. The evaluation employed participatory approach in gathering data from the main stakeholders, NEC teachers and Kampung Numbak community.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, moderated by Dr Victor Karunan, Deputy Representative and Senior Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Malaysia.

Also present were Prof. Datuk Mohd Hamdan Adnan, who is UMS School of Social Sciences Dean, who represented Vice-Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah and Tan Sri Simon Sipaun, ProHAM Chairman and former Vice Chairman of Malaysian Human Rights Commission.