KOTA KINABALU: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between local production company, North Borneo Media Sdn Bhd and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has borne fruit with the production of a telemovie entitled ‘Selamat Pagi Cikgu’.

The telemovie produced for Radio and Television Malaysia (RTM) is a second production after a documentary entitled Sunduk Omadal in 2012.

North Borneo Manager, Alinah Osman said the production of the documentary and telemovie was beneficial to both sides, particularly in providing opportunities for UMS students to engage in actual production that was managed professionally through a combination of expertise.

According to Alinah, most of the production force and actors of the telemovie were made up of UMS staff and students from the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage.

“Apart from the famous actor Zahiril Adzim, over 90 per cent of the actors involved consisted of UMS students and former students who are currently studying in the creative arts such as theatre, art, writing and dance.”

‘Selamat Pagi Cikgu’, directed by Mohamad Azeli, tells the story of a graduate teacher stationed in a rural area in the State.

But after teaching a few months, he gets attracted to life in the village and its people, prompting him to be determined to be an excellent teacher.