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YAYASAN SABAH GROUP CONTINUES EFFORTS IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

KENINGAU – Yayasan Sabah Group through Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (PKS) will continue to produce competitive human capital in the handicraft industry.

This was mentioned by the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Datuk Haji Mohd. Zakaria, at the Handicraft Training Programme Certificate presentation ceremony held at PKS, Keningau on 26 October 2018.

"I am confident that this industry will be able to improve the socio-economic status of the people through skills in crafting, especially for the youths in the rural areas. This is also in line with Yayasan Sabah Group's mission in improving the quality of life of Malaysians in Sabah," said Datuk Jamalul.

"With the craftsmanship skills acquired through this programme, I am confident that trainees can propel the handicraft industry in Sabah and be competitive in the international market," he added.

Datuk Jamalul also explained that Yayasan Sabah Group is grateful for the support from Federal Government particularly the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department which has provided the necessary fund under *Program Khas Anak Negeri* (PKAN) amounting to RM33.5 million since 2011 to 2018 for the implementation of various handicraft training programmes. During the period, Yayasan Sabah Group has successfully trained more than 20,000 trainees in various fields of handicraft such as batik, bamboo, wood carving, glass carving, glass block, hydrostone, glass fiber, traditional stitching, embroidery and weaving.

"Yayasan Sabah Group could not have implemented all these programmes without close cooperation of other government agencies such as Sabah Development Office (SDO) and Sabah State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN)," he stressed.

“With this fund, Yayasan Sabah Group through PKS has implemented various programmes and trained individuals in producing marketable quality handicraft products. The programmes also enhanced their skills which enabled rural communities to generate income either as entrepreneurs or trainers,” said Datuk Jamalul.

He also elaborated that the State's handicraft industry has its own uniqueness compared to other states in Malaysia. “The increase number of tourists every year has successfully catalysed the handicraft industry. The State's handicraft industry is able to generate income for its entrepreneurs and producers, be it full time or part-time,” he said.

“We believe in the concept of production cycle that will prosper all levels of society involved in production; that is from the stage of supplier of raw materials to handicraft makers and entrepreneurs. All will benefit through increased research and product innovation efforts that will be marketed to a vast network,” he added.

A total of 89 participants from all over Sabah completed their training in various skills such as Advanced Programme, Incubator and Start Up specialising in wood based craft - bamboo, rattan, wood and ribu-ribu, batik kraft art, sand craft art, sewing craft art, weaving craft art, craft and glass fiber craft block.

Also in attendance during the ceremony were Keningau Assistant District Officer, Encik Celestine Jetony, officers from Yayasan Sabah Group as well as State and Federal Government Departments.

Pix 1 : Datuk Jamalul presenting a certificate to one of the participants.



Pix 2 : Participants with their certificates.



Pix 3 : Datuk Jamalul observing at the participants' handicrafts during his visit around PKS



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