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COVID-19: YAYASAN SABAH GROUP'S STUDENTS GOES HOME

KOTA KINABALU (Sunday): Yayasan Sabah Group would like to accord its sincere appreciation to the Sabah State Government and Federal Government besides the various agencies and departments for providing the necessary support in bringing back the foundation students from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak.

A total of 122 Yayasan Sabah Group's students studying in various secondary schools in Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak returned to Kota Kinabalu on Saturday, 2 May 2020..

According to the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Datuk Haji Mohd. Zakaria, this is made possible through the close cooperation of the various government departments and agencies in Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak, and also Kota Kinabalu.

On behalf of Yayasan Sabah Group, we would like to express our gratitude to the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal, State Minister of Education and Innovation, Datuk Dr. Yusof bin Yacob, besides the Ministry of Health Malaysia, Education Department, Immigration Department, The Royal Malaysia Police, Malaysia Airport Berhad (MAB), Kota Kinabalu City Hall and Yayasan Sarawak besides other government departments/agencies for the assistance given in making the trip home possible.

"Our highest gratitude to the Sabah State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal for issuing the directive that

the students only undergo 14 days' quarantine at home instead of the quarantine centres," he said.

"We hope that parents will play their part in ensuring their children abide the quarantine procedures set by the Ministry of Health," he said.

"Thank you also to the personnel from the various ministries, department and agencies for the smooth transition of the students' journey from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak back to Kota Kinabalu and to their respective district," he added.

He said "Out of the 122 students, 85 were those studying in Peninsular Malaysia while 37 were in Sarawak. Their trips were fully sponsored by Yayasan Sabah Group through a special chartered flight. The students were accompanied by four Yayasan Sabah Kuala Lumpur officers."

"Before they were allowed to travel, all the students must be healthy and do not display any Covid-19 symptoms," said Datuk Haji Jamalul.

Once the students arrived in Kota Kinabalu, they were housed at the University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF) hostels in Sembulan. The Ministry of Health together with Kota Kinabalu City Hall's officials made a site inspection of the hostels on Thursday, 30 April 2020, and subsequently gave a briefing on the SOP on Friday, 1 May 2020," he explained.

Following the Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) set by the Ministry of Health Malaysia as well as the requirements of the Sabah State Government, all the students were required for swab testing followed by quarantine for one day at the University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF) hostels in Sembulan on 2 May 2020 before returning to their homes respectively.

The students left for their hometown i.e. West Coast, Kudat and the Interior Division on Sunday, 3 May 2020 while the remaining students from Sandakan and Tawau followed suit

on 4 May 2020 under the supervision of the Ministry of Health Malaysia, Yayasan Sabah Group's officials and other government department personnel.



Picture 1: Datuk Haji Jamalul (right) sending off some of the students bound for home.



Picture 2 : Some of the students boarding a bus from UCSF destined for Tuaran, Tamparuli and Kota Marudu on Sunday, 3 May 2020.

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