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#### **YAYASAN SABAH GROUP AND YAYASAN PENERAJU PENDIDIKAN BUMIPUTERA COLLABORATION ON PENERAJU TUNAS BRIDGE ASPIRASI 2021 PROGRAMME**

**KOTA KINABALU (Friday)** - Yayasan Sabah Group and Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera organised the Peneraju Tunas Bridge Aspirasi 2021 Programme for three days from 19 to 21 November 2021.

The programme, which aims to explore learning techniques and goal-setting for SPM/STPM/STAM graduates, was officiated by the Director of Yayasan Sabah cum Executive Chairman of Innoprise Corporation Sdn. Bhd., Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar at the Grand Ballroom, Nexus Resort, Karambunai, Kota Kinabalu. The programme was attended by 50 students from various schools around West Coast Zone.

In his speech, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar described the strategic collaboration between Yayasan Sabah Group and Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera as setting a positive initiative in preparing students to advance to the tertiary level. According to him, the programme objectives share similarities with the existing programmes organised by the Yayasan Sabah Group.

"The objective of the establishment of Yayasan Sabah is to provide equal educational opportunities and facilities for Malaysians in Sabah; thus, the collaboration is synonymous with Yayasan Sabah Group's effort in improving the quality of education in the State," he said.

The collaboration saw both foundations working collectively in facilitating underprivileged Bumiputera students, especially those from B40 families with challenging backgrounds, in seeking guidance on quality educational opportunities and developing them for future work prospect with better career choices in the face of an over increasingly challenging global economy.

"Every year, Yayasan Sabah Group organises career and counselling programmes through a blend of seminars, workshops, and camps at various selected centres throughout the State targeting students, teachers, parents, and members of the public. Distinguished speakers from related agencies and leading institutions of higher learning are invited to deliver talks on motivation, effective communication, decision-making, and course selection decisions for the target groups," he added.

Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar also advised the students to utilise the opportunities provided through the programme to their advantage to equip them in facing future challenges throughout their transition from university to working in the modern era.

"With today's increasingly complex and uncertain world environment, students must be prepared to take full advantage of the quest for self-improvement. Therefore, it is only right to make use of all the knowledge gained through this programme effectively for students to become highly confident and versatile individuals in meeting the needs of the current industry," said Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar.

At the same venue, Yayasan Sabah Group and Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera also signed a collaboration agreement on implementing similar programme in six Yayasan Sabah Group zones from November to December 2021.

A total of 29 locations in six zones have been selected, namely, Kota Kinabalu, Putatan, Penampang and Ranau (West Coast South Zone), Kota Marudu, Kota Belud, Kudat and Pitas (West Coast North Zone), Sandakan, Kinabatangan, Beluran, Telupid, Tongod and Paitan (East Coast North Zone), Tawau, Kalabakan, Kunak, Semporna, Lahad Datu and Tungku (East Coast South Zone), Beaufort, Sipitang, Kuala Penyu, Membakut and Papar (Interior South Zone) and Keningau, Tenom, Tambunan and Nabawan (Interior North Zone).

With the signing of the collaboration agreement, 300 students will benefit from the implementation of the programme.

The collaboration agreement was signed by Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar for Yayasan Sabah Yayasan Sabah Group witnessed by Yayasan Sabah Corporate Secretary, Encik Hanafiah Diman while Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera was represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Col. Allied (PA) Ts. Mohd Muzzammil Ismail witnessed by Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera Associate Director of Strategic Engagement, Encik Muhammad Ayinan bin Mohd. Annuar.

Commenting on the collaboration agreement, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar said, "The details of the collaboration agreement are synonymous with the Sabah Maju Jaya Sabah Development Plan (SMJ) 2021-2025 initiative led by the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji bin Haji Noor. The plan, among others, emphasise significantly on the need to intensify efforts in improving and enhancing the effectiveness of strategies and approaches in the development of education and human capital among the youth in the state," he added.

He further reiterated on the importance of students participating wholeheartedly with the aspirations of implementing the SMJ in understanding and recognising its direction towards shaping the future through the transformation of the mind and self-awareness.

"Following the SMJ Plan, the Peneraju Tunas Bridge Aspirasi 2021 programme is one example of the Yayasan Sabah Group's continuous efforts in empowering the educational progress of youth in the State. Yayasan Sabah Group will continue to support the efforts of the Sabah State Government under the leadership of Datuk Seri Haji Hajiji by prioritising human capital development for the welfare of the people in line with the mission of Yayasan Sabah Group in improving the quality of life of Malaysians in Sabah," he added.



**Picture 1: AGREEMENT SIGNING SESSION....** Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar (seated second from left) and Col. Allied (PA) Ts. Mohd Muzzammil Ismail (seated second from right) signing the collaboration agreement between Yayasan Sabah Group and Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera.



**Picture 2:** Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar (second from left) and Col. Allied (PA) Ts. Mohd Muzzammil Ismail (second from right) displaying the sealed collaboration between Yayasan Sabah Group and Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera. Looking on are Encik Hanafiah (left) and Encik Muhammad Ayinan (right).



**Picture 3:** Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar (fifth from left) and Col. Allied (PA) Ts. Mohd Muzzammil Ismail (sixth from left) interacting with some of the students who participated in the programme.

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