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SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR NATIVES OF SABAH APPRECIATION CEREMONY

KOTA KINABALU (Tuesday) : Yayasan Sabah Group will organise the Appreciation Ceremony for the Special Programme for Natives of Sabah (PKAN) on 24 October 2024 at the Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (PKS), Keningau, marking the successful completion of the participants' training programme.

This year, 551 participants from various districts across Sabah have completed an eight-month training programme under the PKAN initiative, with many focusing on specific skill sets.

Some honed their craftsmanship at PKS, while others trained at the Kolej Teknologi Yayasan Sabah (KTYS) and University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF), ensuring a wide variety of expertise among participants.

The programme's comprehensive approach included skills training and entrepreneurship development, providing participants with skills in crafts and equipped to thrive in the competitive market.

The Director of Yayasan Sabah, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar, emphasised the impact of the programme, stating, "These talented individuals, many from the B40 income group, have gained essential skills and knowledge, empowering them to not only preserve but also enrich Sabah's cultural tapestry. With this foundation, they are poised to thrive in the competitive handicraft market, unlocking significant economic opportunities for themselves and their communities."

The PKAN initiative is a strategic investment in Sabah's future. It focuses on uplifting individuals from the B40 group by equipping them with the skills needed to participate in the gig economy. This approach helps foster a new generation of entrepreneurs and artisans who will invigorate the local economy, offering them a pathway out of the B40 category.

As part of the initiative to celebrate Sabah's rich cultural heritage, the PKS Craft Fiesta Programme will also be held from 24 to 27 October 2024 at the same venue. It will feature an exciting lineup of activities, including a fashion show showcasing local talent, interactive workshops, family-friendly games, and more.

The event will be officiated by the Deputy Chief Minister I/Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industry cum Member of Parliament for P.180 Keningau, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Jeffrey G. Datuk Kitingan.

Through its continued dedication to nurturing local talent and craftsmanship, Yayasan Sabah Group remains committed to uplifting local artisans and fostering equitable economic prosperity in Sabah.



The Director of Yayasan Sabah, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar.

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