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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH PKAN SUCCESS

KENINGAU (Thursday) : “Yayasan Sabah Group is committed to fostering a community driven by hard work and determination to enhance living standards and instil a mindset of integrity and purpose for meaningful change, particularly within the B40 group,” said the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Dato’ Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar in a statement in conjunction with the Appreciation Ceremony for the Special Programme for Natives of Sabah (PKAN).

The event held on 24 October 2024 at the Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (PKS), Keningau, was officiated by the Deputy Chief Minister I/Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industry cum Member of Parliament for P180 Keningau, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Jeffrey G. Datuk Kitingan.

Noting the programme's success, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Jeffrey emphasised that it aligns with the Malaysia Madani concept. He expressed confidence that the programme will allow participants to not only compete with established craft brands but also drive the emergence of a new wave of highly skilled, competitive entrepreneurs poised to elevate the craft sector to new heights.

This year, 551 participants from various districts across Sabah completed an intensive eight-month training programme under the PKAN initiative, each receiving a certificate of completion.

Participants engaged in skill-specific training, honing their craftsmanship at PKS, while others enhanced their skills at Kolej Teknologi Yayasan Sabah (KTYS) and University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF).

Throughout the programme, participants underwent comprehensive training sessions to elevate their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields. These sessions equipped them with diverse skill sets essential for success in today's competitive job market.

By the end of the programme, they emerged as empowered professionals, ready to make meaningful contributions to their industries and communities.

Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar further emphasised the role of the Federal Government's support in making the programme a reality, stating, "The successful implementation of Human Capital Development and Entrepreneurship Development programme through the PKAN initiative was made possible through the support by the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department (ICU, JPM)."

He further noted, "The future progress and development of the state depend on its people. By nurturing local entrepreneurs and artisans and enhancing their skills, we can ensure that Sabah's rich cultural heritage thrives and remains competitive in this borderless world. Therefore, I extend my gratitude to the ICU, JPM, for their unwavering commitment to uplifting the socioeconomics of the people of Sabah."

Recognising that collaborative efforts are essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability of entrepreneurs and artisans, Yayasan Sabah Group has established partnerships with various organisations, including the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, and Orben Bamboo. These partnerships will serve as a strong support network that will continue to nurture the participants' ambitions and facilitate their ongoing success.

Yayasan Sabah Group is optimistic that this programme will empower local artisans, ensuring that the State's traditional crafts are celebrated today and preserved for future generations. With a strong focus on nurturing talent, promoting economic development and eradicating poverty, Yayasan Sabah Group is committed to paving the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for all Malaysians in Sabah.

Also present at the event was the Corporate Secretary of Yayasan Sabah, Encik Hanafiah Diman representing the Director of Yayasan Sabah, the Director of the Sabah Federal Development Office, Tuan Samsul bin Dollah representing the Director General of ICU JPM, Keningau District Officer,

Encik Peter Jonu Moinjil, State and Federal Government heads of departments, PKS, UCSF and KTYS strategic partners and Yayasan Sabah Group Senior Officers.



Pix 1: Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Jeffrey launching the event. Also in the picture are Encik Hanafiah Diman (left), and Encik Samsul (right).



Pix 2: Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Jeffrey presenting the certificate to one of the representatives of PKAN participant from PKS. Also in the picture are Group Manager , Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (left), Puan Vivian Evans (left), Encik Hanafiah Diman (second from left), Encik Samsul (fourth from right), Chief Executive of KTYS, Datuk Tah Nia Haji Jaman (second from right) and Vice Chancellor of UCSF, Datuk Dr. Rafiq bin Idris (right).



Pix 3: Group photo.

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