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### **YAYASAN SABAH GROUP'S IFTAR WITH SABAH STUDENTS OF HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA**

**Kuala Lumpur (Friday):** Yayasan Sabah Group iftar programme for Sabah students studying in Peninsular Malaysia are organised in recreating the feeling of being closer to home during Ramadan, said the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar in a statement today.

The Breaking of Fast programme with Sabah Students of Higher Learning in Peninsular Malaysia is an annual Yayasan Sabah Group event which started back in 2005 to celebrate the month of Ramadan al-Mubarak with the Sabah's students studying in Peninsular Malaysia.

Representing the Chief Minister of Sabah, this year's programmes was attended by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation cum Sabah Education and Religious Affairs Exco, Datuk Dr. Haji Mohd. Arifin bin Datuk Haji Mohd. Arif. It was held on 20 March 2025 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

A total of 1,300 students from 27 institutions of higher learning across the Peninsular Malaysia attended the programme.

"This programme is a form of appreciation and encouragement to Sabah's youth studying in Peninsular Malaysia. It isn't easy to be away from one's family. We appreciate the sacrifices made to get a higher education," said Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar in his statement.

He added that the programme is also an avenue for students to meet state leaders and fellow students from other institutions of higher learning in Peninsular Malaysia thus strengthening friendships and nurturing connections between fellow students from different institutions of higher learning.

This year's programme also featured a dialogue session moderated by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation cum Sabah Education and Religious Affairs Exco, Datuk Dr. Haji Mohd. Arifin bin Datuk Haji Mohd. Arif. The session brought together panelists from key government departments and agencies, including the Sabah State Public Service Department (JPANS), Office of the Deputy State Secretary (TTK), Sabah State Education Department, Majlis Ugama Islam Sabah (MUIS), Perbadanan Baitulmal Negeri Sabah, Sabah Welfare Foundation, and Yayasan Sabah Group.

The programme itinerary started with the Tazkirah Ramadan, followed by fast-breaking, and the obligatory congregational prayers - Maghrib, Isyak, and Tarawih.



*Pix 1: Datuk Dr. Haji Mohd. Arifin (middle), Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar (fifteen from left) and Datuk Jasni bin Daya (thirteen from right) with students.*



*Pix 2: Datuk Dr. Haji Mohd. Arifin representing the Chief Minister of Sabah handing over duit raya to a student representative witnessed by the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Dato' Sri Haji Gulamhaidar @ Yusof bin Khan Bahadar.*



*Pix 3: Group photo.*

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