

## KENYATAAN MEDIA

### **UniMAP Donates Solar Panels**

Segamat, March 25 – Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) carried out a university's social responsibility (USR) mission and donated solar panels to help illuminate the futsal court in Kampung Kudung, Bekok.

Vice Chancellor Dato' Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal said the donation was also meant to educate the public on renewable energy technology through solar sources.

He added that in the programme the residents had been briefed on energy storage and battery charging processes through solar technology.

He said that for the benefit of our community, we should employ an easier-to-understand approach which is very important in inculcating a technology-savvy society.

“Hence, all 40 UniMAP engineering students involved in this mission were asked to share knowledge about the technology to the aboriginal Jakun tribe, who make up the majority of the village residents.

“As the result, we can see the excitement among the people in which they also hope that this technology can be applied throughout their village,” he added.

He said this after completing the Solar Board Handover Ceremony to the village chief Tok Batin Kassim here today.

Also present were UniMAP Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof. Dr. Mohd. Foad Sakdan, Director of the UniMAP Sports Center Suhizaz Sudin and Principal of Bumita Residential College Dr. Hirwan Jasbir Jaafar.

The four-day programme was organised by the Student Affairs and Alumni Department (JHEPA), Bumita Residential College Residents’ Council and the Department of Orang Asli Development (JAKOA).

During the programme, participants who were assigned to their respective foster families also organised other USR activities such as communal

cooking, motivating student, learning jungle and river survival techniques and getting to know the local customs and culture.

Dato' Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar said UniMAP also took the opportunity to donate to four families of senior citizens, new reverts and the disabled.

He explained that although it was UniMAP's first visit to the village, but the locals had given them a very warm welcome and also served them traditional aboriginal food.

"I believe the participants experienced a fun process while having the opportunity to taste a wide range of food based only on cassava tubers.

"God willing this program will continue in the future and UniMAP will definitely introduce more new technologies to the people here," he said.

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