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## Former KMF scholarship recipients urged to give back to society

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**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** Former recipients of Kenyalang Medical Foundation (KMF) scholarship should give back to society for the benefit of the next generation, said its chairman Senator Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian.

He said the foundation was started by a group of doctors who felt they had benefited from the scholarship during their undergraduate days and would like to pass on the benefit to others.

"I believe in investing in education. You cannot be wrong. We must provide the opportunity and I told all my trainees that I did not want their money, but I want them give back to society so the next group can also benefit.

"Over the years since 2001, we have given out 15 scholarships, of which, only two of the recipients were non-Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) undergraduates.

"As long as they are Sarawakians, they will get the opportunity to receive the scholarship, but preferably Unimas undergraduates because we want to support Unimas medical faculty," said Dr Sim during the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing ceremony between Unimas and KMF at the Staff Lounge, Rumah Universiti in Unimas here, yesterday.

Dr Sim, who is also Sarawak United People's Party president, also pointed out that teaching medical students was better than visiting patients.

"The rationale is very simple. If I see patients all the time and as I get older, my hand will start to shake and my eyesight start to fail, then I'm finish as a medical professional. But if I teach



**VICE** Chancellor Prof Dato' Dr Mohamad Kadim (third right), representing Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), exchanging documents with Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian (fourth left) who represents the Kenyalang Medical Foundation (KMF), witnessed by others, after the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two parties. PHOTO: RAMIDI SUBARI

medical students, they can help me to see and care for more patients.

"I always make effort to teach medical students and tell people that teaching medical students is more important than for me to see patients," he said.

Meanwhile, KMF will allocate RM15,000 over five years as grants to fund the annual Excellence Awards to students of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Unimas.

One of the awards initiated by KMF is the 'Most Outstanding Medical Student Award' for an outstanding clinical year student who excels in arts, sports and community service in addition to academic performance.

The MoA was signed by Unimas Vice Chancellor Prof Dato' Dr Mohammad Kadim Suaidi and Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian, witnessed by Dean of Unimas Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Prof Dr Ahmad Hata Rasit and KMF vice-chairman KMF Dr Lim Joo Kiong.