



DR. Henry Rantai Gudum (right) presenting a mock cheque to the President of Sarawak Children's Cancer Society, Mohammad Rizal Sahaari (left) at the Go Bald 5 Satellite Shave event at UNIMAS.



RAY's Saloon Hairstylist shaving one of the UNIMAS's students at the Go Bald 5 Satellite Shave Event.

65 shave their heads for a noble cause

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KUCHING: The University of Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Management Association (Persatuan Pengurusan) recently organised the UNIMAS Satellite Shave "Go Bald-Help Kids Fight Cancer".

Professor Dr Henry Rantai Gudum, representing the Dean of Faculty in Medicine and Health Sciences, UNIMAS said that the programme was to create public

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awareness about childhood cancer.

"Cancer like acute leukemia is

a serious illness among children, but with the advances in treatment technology, this type of

cancer can be cured," he said at UNIMAS, Kota Semarahan Friday morning.

He added that the cure rate could be up to 75% to 80% of children who had acute leukemia and if detected at an early stage, it could be cured, he said.

"Not many people are aware of cancer and many thought that the illness can spread, but it is not the case as it only happens individually.

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would be 'hair drop' after undergoing treatment like chemotherapy and radiotherapy is not true as the effect is only temporary as the hair will grow back again after treatment is done," he added.

He said that UNIMAS was keen to help the Sarawak Children Cancer Society (SCCS) in its fund raising and the event organised with the support of the staff and students was a good initiative on their part and hoped that it would

continue in the future.

Meanwhile, UNIMAS also donated RM 5,000 to the President of SCCS, Mohd Rizal Sahaari.

Sixty five students had their hair shaved in the event while a total pledge of RM12,497 from 91 students was collected and donated to the SCCS.

Also present were, Go Bald Programme Director, Dayang Zuliana Abang Abdul Rahma and President of UNIMAS Management Association, Zulkarnaen Ali.