## Baram dam Issue can be overcome, says MP

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Baram Member of Parliament (MP) Dato Jacob Dungau Sagan is confident premature issue and leading the people to look into a bigger picture as how the dam can benefit them.

"We (government) have direct engagement with the villagers who may be affected by the dam and let them understand how the dam can change their lives, provide them better quality of living standard by attracting more foreign investments.

"This is because the dam is one of the government development agenda to improve the livelihood of the remote areas, just like how the government developed other rural places as well. Therefore, I believe the issue can be overcome soon," he said.

He added studies and surveys for the dam which is planned to be built in 2018 have yet be complete. Thus, it is the issue of the area for the coming General Election.

"It is still long way to go and as for now we need to let the people to understand the area has potential with resources which can produce electricity and could bring development," he added.

Dungau who is also the International Trade and Industry (MITI) Deputy Minister was speaking at a press conference in overcoming the Baram dam held after officiating at 'MITI Day with agencies, college and university students' held at DeTAR Putra Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) here yesterday.

> He said, the event organised by MITI with the objective of creating awareness university and college students of the roles and functions of the Ministry and its agencies such as MATRADE, MIDA, MIDF, SME Corp. Malaysia, SME Bank, HDC and MAI.

He also revealed a total of 3,957 projects for the private investment in the services sector had been approved in 2011 involving RM 64.3 billion.

Over 1,500 students from UNIMAS, University Technology MARA (UiTM), International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (ICATS) and Swinburne University of Technology were at he function.

Earlier, the Deputy Minister also presented the 1 Malaysia Student Discount Cards (KADS1M), launched earlier this year to the selected students.



DEPUTY Minister of International Trade & Industry Dato' Jacob Dungau Sagan presents his talk to the students.



DUNGAU (centre) presents a souvenir to UNIMAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Prof Dr Peter Songan (left), while looking on are (from right) MITI Policy & Strategy Division director Isham Ishak, KPDNKK state director Wan Ahmad Uzir Wan Sulaiman, and Bank Rakyat Kuching branch manager Azman Abdul Aziz. PHOTOS: JOHN CHAN



FACULTY of Business & Economic student from Kapit Semorita Lokie Tunggau receives her quiz prize from the Dato' Jacob Dungau Sagan.



REPRESENTATIVE of ICATS receives the mock card of the siswa 1 Malaysia discount card from Dungau (second right). Looking on are (from 2nd left) KPDNKK state director Wan Ahmad Uzir Wan Sulaiman, UNIMAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Prof Dr Peter Songan, Bank Rakyat Kuching branch manager Azman Abdul Aziz, and MITI Policy & Strategy Division director Isham Ishak.



DUNGAU (4th left) meets the students. Together with him are (from left) KPDNKK state director Wan Ahmad Uzir Wan Sulaiman, UNIMAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Prof Dr Peter Songan, and MITI Policy & Strategy Division director Isham Ishak.



STUDENTS attending the globalisation talk at UNIMAS.