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**KUCHING:** Kenyalang Medical Foundation has committed a RM50,000 grant over five years to support outstanding medical and health students studying at University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

This was reached at following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two parties recently.

Unimas was represented by its vice-chancellor Prof Dato Dr Mohd Kadim Suaidi while KMF by its chairman Senator Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian. It was witnessed by the Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Prof Dr Ahmad Hata Rasit and KMF vice-chairman Dr Lim Joo Kiong.

The foundation was established in 2000 by a group of doctors who have received and benefited from various scholarships during their undergraduate days.

Through the foundation, these doctors want to give back to the local people by giving them opportunities to further their studies in medical and/or health related-courses at universities, colleges or institutions in Malaysia or elsewhere with scholarships, awards or courses.

Dr Sim said giving back to the local community was for the continuation of the benefits from one generation to another.

"Since the establishment of the foundation we have given 15 scholarships to Sarawakians to study at Unimas and one each at University of Malaya and International Medical University.

"Our priority is Unimas because we want to support its medical faculty. Do not underestimate us from the jungle of Borneo," he added.

Dr Sim thus urged the next

generation of doctors to work hard, be recognised and continue giving back to society to benefit the next generation.

"Investing in education cannot be wrong. For me, teaching medical students is more important than seeing patients because I will not be able to provide the care when I get too old to work, but by transferring the knowledge to my students, they can help me care for more patients," he said.

On the development of the healthcare sector in Sarawak, Dr Sim assured that he would continue to push for an academic block to materialise at Unimas Campus in parliament.

Kadim earlier revealed that RM89 million had been allocated for the construction of an academic block under the 10th Malaysia Plan which was initially planned to be built near Petra Jaya Hospital.