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## Unimas lauded for reaching out to community



INTERESTING: Unimas head librarian Margaret Simeng (left) showing Talip (third right) one of the exhibits at the showcase.

KUCHING: Assistant Minister of Tourism Datuk Talib Zulpilip praised Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) for continuously reaching out to the community.

The university which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year has shown a good example to others on how institutions of higher learning can play their role in community development.

"With its reputation as the first public institution of higher learning, Unimas has directly attracted an influx of foreign and domestic students with its various academic programmes," said Talib during the opening ceremony of 'Unimas Showcase' held at the Old Courthouse yesterday.

The showcase was an effort by the university to connect with the local community by showcasing its past and present achievements.

The minister also noted that Sarawak's domestic tourism has benefited a lot from Unimas with its thousands of students from other states.

"The arrival of students from outside Sarawak augurs well for the development of the local economy particularly in Kota Samarahan because it provides a good opportunity for the local folks to supplement their incomes," he said.

Earlier on, Unimas deputy vice-chancellor for students' welfare and alumni Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman in his welcoming speech said the one-day event is aimed to create awareness and instil interest among the community on its establishments.

The past and present achievements of Unimas are dedicated to its students, staff members and the community as a whole, he said.

During the function, Unimas presented donations of RM2,000 each to Yayasan Salam Malaysia, Sarawak Aids Concern Society, Home of hospices and Sarawak Hum Nam Siang Tng.

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