

UNIMAS students to help turn Kpg Sebayor into a homestay village

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Kampung Sebayor here will be developed into a homestay village to provide extra income to the villagers who are mostly Ibans.

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Professor Dr Wan Hashim Wan Ibrahim said the effort would be through 'Sonar Tribal' which involved three final year students from the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Economics and Business, and ACE.

He said the students had decided to help develop the homestay programme for the benefit of the local community.

"We are happy with the extent of interaction the students have with the local community and we hope that by working together with UNIMAS ties with the villagers of Kampung Sebayor will be enhanced further," said Dr Wan Hashim at the Sonar Tribal Giveback Weekend ceremony held at Kampung Sebayor community hall last Saturday night.

Wan Hashim added that if the planned development for Kampung Sebayor takes off, it would provide many benefits to the villagers.

"The exposure of Sonar Tribal to the outside world has opened the eyes of many to the existence and uniqueness of Kampung Sebayor," he said, adding that the Giveback Weekend was actually a series of a Boot Camp Programme organised by Sonar Tribal from 10 to 12 Feb.

"Through the programme, Sonar Tribal had succeeded in identifying new talents," he said, adding that the Giveback Weekend was to show appreciation to the villagers who had supported the groups in ensuring the success of their projects.

There were also music presentations by Sonar Tribal and Kampung Sebayor Culture Club at the event.

Also present were the Village Chief of Kpg Sebayor Henry anak Sinyut, Culture and Sports Bureau Chief, Ivy Jeoffrey and Sarawak DiGi head Benny Wee.



A UNIMAS student presenting a souvenir to Henry Sinyut (right) during the event.