

Tajuk: UK students visit Bario highlands



EDUCATIONAL TRIP: Dr Khalid conducting a talk for the students.

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**KUCHING:** A recent educational trip to Bario highlands was an eye-opener for students from Wellington College, England, UK.

The trip was organised by Wellington College, the Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy (CoERE) of Unimas and Sarawak State Secretary's Office.

The participants from England were Sebastian Maxwell, Georgina Wright, Andrea Auerbach, Sean Ryan Morrissroe and Tengku Muhammad Ismail.

A press release made available here yesterday said the group of young scientists were led by their tutor Dr Adam Kazmi.

The objective of the field trip was to give the students an opportunity to experience and enjoy the rich cultures of ethnic Sarawakians and develop long lasting relationship with the Kelabits.

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Press release

"This is a school programme to instil positive values in the young students by exposing them to volunteerism in an international cross cultural setting. It was also an excellent opportunity for two well-known institutions to create goodwill, promote renewable energy and also work towards greener sustainable agricultural practices for the betterment of local communities," the statement said.

The students stayed in The Ngimat Ayu Homestay - a local homestay in Ujung Palang, Bario and at the Batu Ritom Homestay in Pa' Lungan.

During their visit, the aspiring young scientists participated in discussions and listened to a talk 'Challenges

of Renewable Energy in Bario" conducted by Dr Al Khalid, chairman of Bario Visit organising committee from Unimas.

A talk on EM-Effective Microorganism was also conducted by Mr Tetsuya Sawada from EMRO (EM Reseach Organization). It touched on matters like voluntary community development projects involving bridge repair work, day-to-day village activities such as salt making, pineapple planting, fishing, biking and sports as well as the Bario Rainforest survival course.

The students also donated a stand-alone 1 Kilowatt solar system to Radio Bario - the first community radio station in Malaysia.