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GERAK IKS SDC PROGRAMME PRICELESS TO ENTREPRENEURS

Sandakan, Sunday – The last day of Gerak IKS SDC 2016 comes to a close with entrepreneurs and public gaining more knowledge in business opportunities, laws, regulations and policies. The seminar presented twelve papers and a three-member panel forum which comprised of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia (AIM) and Yayasan Usaha Maju (YUM). In addition to the paper presentation and forum, a sharing was conducted by a successful education entrepreneur, Dr. Morni Kambrie of SIDMA College City Campus Kota Kinabalu.

According to the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad in his speech during the ceremony held on 20 August, 2016, "The collaboration among government departments and local agencies in making the programme a success, is in line with the government's aspiration to be in unison in achieving the country's economic development objectives through entrepreneurial development."

Gerak IKS SDC 2016 programme is a capacity building programme under Sabah Bumiputera SMI Start-up and Entrepreneurship Development Fund of the Bumiputera Agenda Steering Unit (TERAJU) and Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority (SEDIA).

"The event is an avenue to enhance the involvement of Bumiputera and rural community in economic activities. It also encourages SMI development in the district

by disseminating information such as funding availability, human capital development and other initiatives,” said Datuk Sapawi.

“In addition, this programme acts as an entry point for entrepreneurs and future entrepreneurs to enroll in entrepreneurship programme especially through SDC. It also operate as a platform for entrepreneurs, apprentices and incubator trainees to showcase their products/prototypes/business ideas to the public as well as to promote SME development and entrepreneurship in Sabah by giving an avenue for local SMEs to discuss issues and challenges,” he added.

Yayasan Sabah Group has always been committed in developing entrepreneurs through its social programmes namely in education, skill training, entrepreneurial motivation, entrepreneurial assistance and many others. In order to develop human capital which are skillful, capable and knowledgeable in taking business opportunities created by National Economic Development Plan, Yayasan Sabah Group has established KolejTeknikal Yayasan Sabah, University College Sabah Foundation and Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (PKS). “Yayasan Sabah’s effort in developing human capital has shown positive result when PKS through its marketing arm, Kristal Handal Sdn. Bhd. received Malaysian Standard Quality Batik Certification MS692:2007 (Batik Malaysia),” said Datuk Sapawi.

Further, he added, “Yayasan Sabah Group has also intensify its effort to develop entrepreneurs especially in rural areas through Yayasan Sabah Transformation Plan 2015 – 2023. YS Niaga is an initiative that will help develop small and medium entrepreneurs by giving loans, training, coaching as well as offering business counselling.”

The three-day programme has not only provided priceless knowledge but it has also given opportunity to entrepreneurs to meet together, exchange experience as well as broadening their business network. About 1,000 participants attended the programme which comprised of entrepreneurs and representatives from government agencies, NGOs, educational institutions, Yayasan Sabah Group’s Zone participants and individuals in and around Sandakan.

Pix 1 : Datuk Musa was welcomed with open arms.



Pix 2 : Officiating the ceremony.



Pix 3 : Waving the "Jalur Gemilang" and singing the 'Sehati Sejiwa' at the end of Gerak IKS SDC 2016 programme in Sandakan.



Pix 4 : Datuk Musa visiting Yayasan Sabah Group booth.



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