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PANDASAN RIVER TAGAL PROGRAMME

KOTA BELUD (MONDAY): Yayasan Sabah Group (YSG) is committed in preserving nature and it is the commitment of the Group in ensuring that the public played their role in ensuring the longevity of their own surroundings.

According to the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad, concerted efforts by residents of Kampung Pandasan, Kota Belud and its surrounding villages via the Tagal system should be supported by everyone.

He said this while launching the Tagal programme at Kampung Pandasan on Sunday which involved four villages. The villages are Kampung Bubuk, Kampung Bungaliu, Kampung Siudon and Kampung Pandasan and as the traditional system requires, certain parts of the river will be closed for fishing activities to allow the waterway to revive and fish to spawn.

“Villagers and the public will not be allowed to catch fish at sections of the river for a determined period, and they must also refrain from burning and dumping rubbish at the river bank or directly into it,” he said during the event.

“Now we have the Tagal zone where we aspire to have a much cleaner river. We hope the river organisms flourish and the fish multiply,” he added.

“We are optimistic of the outcome. If everyone cooperates, I do not see any reason why it cannot succeed,” Datuk Sapawi added.

The launching of the Pandasan River Tagal Zone Programmes was part of the activities during the Yayasan Sabah Director’s visit to Kampung Pandasan Kota Belud yesterday.

Datuk Sapawi was there to inspect the development of Kampung Pandasan being one of the six Yayasan Sabah Group’s (YSG) rural development initiative under the Program Desa Cemerlang Dan Berinovasi (PDCB) scheme.

In welcoming the YSG entourage lead by Datuk Sapawi, Kampung Pandasan's PDCB Chairman, Encik Abdul Manan Kamar, 45 said he was ecstatic and happy with the visit.

"What makes this visit extra special, is that Datuk Sapawi took his day off just to visit us here and witnessed for himself the determination of the our kampung folks in living up to the expectations of the YSG in ensuring the success of the PDCB.

At least the top YSG management knows the success and the obstacles we face in running the programme. We want to thank him for taking time off to be with us," he said.

In a nutshell, PDCB is a rural development programme that emphasises on human capital development towards creating a highly competitive, self sufficient and sustainable village community.

The PDCB programme is currently implemented in six villages, namely Kampung Sebait, Sandakan, Kampung Singgaron Baru, Ranau, Kampung Pandasan, Kota Belud, Kampung Sinaron, Sook, Kampung Lormalong, Kunak and Kampung Lambidan, Kuala Penyu.



Datuk Sapawi (front, third from right) releasing fish into the Pandasan River marking the launching of the Pandasan River Tagal Zone Programme.



Encik Abd. Manan (third from left) presenting a memento to Datuk Sapawi. Looking on are Encik Norshafi Bin Dukah, Kota Belud's Assistant District Officer (second from left) and YSG's Senior Officers.

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