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YAYASAN SABAH KICKSTART VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

KOTA KINABALU, Friday – Yayasan Sabah Volunteers will be instrumental in helping the natural disaster victims by offering assistance and providing counseling services to the victims.

“Apart from helping natural disaster victims, the Yayasan Sabah Volunteers will also be involved in the Yayasan Sabah Group’s education, economy and sociocultural programmes besides helping with the Group’s physical projects such as Yayasan Sabah Bersama Rakyat and activities such as *gotong-royong*,” said the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad during the closing ceremony of the Yayasan Sabah Volunteer Programme Workshop held on 3 March 2016 at the Teater Tun Hamdan, Menara Tun Mustapha.

Datuk Sapawi said, “Yayasan Sabah Volunteer Programme is another initiative under the Yayasan Sabah Group Strategic Transformation Programme 2013-2023. The Volunteer Programme aims to further expand the Group’s roles through volunteers who are ready to assist in the implementation of the Group’s programmes besides presenting accurate facts and information to the people.”

He added, “The programme also aims to inculcate moral values and promote the spirit of volunteerism among youths in carrying out charity work for the community. Besides that, the programme is hoped to strengthen the rapport between Yayasan Sabah Group and

other government and non-governmental agencies in Sabah in organising community programmes.”

As many as 151 volunteers attended the one-day workshop where they were briefed on the vision and mission of Yayasan Sabah Volunteers and were also given an introduction to the volunteers’ roles when facing natural disasters.

A sharing session was also held during the workshop where representatives from National Security Council, Malaysia Civil Defence Department, Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia, United NGO’s Islamic World and IM4U shared their experiences while handling natural disasters.

PIX 1 : *Sharing session by one of the workshop speaker, Encik Zulzainizam, Senior Manager, Outreach Government Communication IM4U.*

PIX 2 : *Datuk Sapawi presenting certificates of participation to the volunteers. Also in the photo from left Encik Andi F. K Toyong, Senior Group Manager, Account and Financial Services Yayasan Sabah, Dr. Karim Samsuri, Corporate Secretary Yayasan Sabah and Puan Hajah Rosmawati Haji Lasuki, Deputy Director of Yayasan Sabah.*

PIX 3 : *Datuk Sapawi mingling with some of Yayasan Sabah volunteers.*

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