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### **YAYASAN SABAH GROUP EDUCATION LOAN REBATE DURING ROADSHOW**

**Kota Kinabalu (Wednesday)** – Yayasan Sabah Group through its North East Coast Zone, will be organising Yayasan Sabah With The People or *Yayasan Sabah Bersama Rakyat (YSBR)* programme at Dewan Sri Libaran, Sandakan on 5 March 2017. The Roadshow will be officiated by Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman.

Adding to this good cause, Yayasan Sabah Group in this year YSBR will also have its **Education Carnival** which involves Institutions of Higher Learning, sponsors and entrepreneurs.

According to the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad, Yayasan Sabah Group is offering a **rebate of 20 per cent** to borrowers who will settle their loan repayments. Such loan rebate has never been offered before. “Thus, lump sum payments is definitely encouraged,” he said.

Another highlight of this Roadshow is the **amnesty period** to Yayasan Sabah Group study loan especially for borrowers who have been defaulting in their repayments.

“This will cover matters such as arrears exemption where Yayasan Sabah Group study loan borrowers will be exempted from paying the arrears and discuss their study loan status during the Roadshow,” he added.

Datuk Sapawi further explained during the Roadshow, those study loan borrowers who wish to know the status of their loans, as well as whether they have been earmarked for legal or C-TOS action, can refer to the said counter for information. Again if the said borrowers have been earmarked for legal or C-TOS action, they will also be granted amnesty on that day if they agree to repay back their loans based on conditioned set by Yayasan Sabah Group,” he explained.

During the Roadshow, Yayasan Sabah Group education loan counselors and officers will also discuss further with the loaness in order to find the best option moving forward.

The Yayasan Sabah Mobile Collection Van will also be at the Roadshow to facilitate the repayment of study loans.

Touching on the Roadshow, he said, lots of exciting activities await the public such as exhibitions by institutions of higher learning (Public and Private), Score A Seminar in collaboration with Berita Harian to be held at SMK Tinusa, Sandakan at 10:00am–5:30pm, career exhibition by various agencies, books exhibition, sponsors exhibitions, educational forums besides education counselling.

“Notable organisations joining the Education Carnival are National Higher Education Fund Corporation (Perbadanan Tabung Pengajian Tinggi Nasional, PTPTN), MARA Sabah, Pusat Zakat Sabah, State Civil Service Department (Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri), Unit Teraju Bumiputera and PETRONAS, Sabah and Labuan, regional office,” he explained.

According to Datuk Sapawi too, this educational information will no doubt provide guidelines and opportunities for students and youths as well as graduates to make the right decision in choosing their future career.

He said Yayasan Sabah Group and educational opportunities has always been inseparable. “For years, in fact ever since Yayasan Sabah Group was established, its educational programmes supplemented and complemented the activities of the government in uplifting the quality of education and educational facilities for Malaysians in Sabah. This noble role continues till presence,” he added.

In addition to educational information, Datuk Sapawi remarked that this Roadshow will also entail the public on Small and Medium Industry (SME) programmes particularly with the objective to disseminate entrepreneurial development to the people.

“Concurrently, the Roadshow is an avenue to enhance the involvement of Bumiputera and rural community in economic activities. The programme also encourages SME development in the district by disseminating information such as funding availability, human capital development and other initiatives,” he said.

It will involves 30 exhibitors from various government department and agencies besides 30 stall operators.

“The Roadshow will include exciting activities such as product demonstration, Pusat Kraftangan Sabah’s technique of drawing designs on batik by youth apart from other various informative and interactive activities,” he said.

It is worth to note also in Yayasan Sabah Group’s exhibition booth are University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF), Kolej Teknikal Yayasan Sabah (KTYS), a demonstration on local handicrafts as well as Zone’s office socioeconomic participants displaying and selling their products.

Various other activities will also be taking place such as autoshow, skateboard competition, sports, busking competition, modern dance competition, artistes performance from Sandakan FM and lucky draw.

According to Datuk Sapawi, the YSBR Roadshow is organised with the objectives to promote understanding and strengthening relationships with relevant agencies, private sector and local communities as well as to introduce Yayasan Sabah Group’s social development programmes such as the Community Development Programme or Program Pembangunan Masyarakat (PPM), besides highlighting the commercial activities and conservation efforts.

“Among others the objectives of PPM are to empower and rebrand the Zones core programme, formerly known as the Intellectual and Mind Development Programme, Socioeconomic and Sociocultural Development Programme,” he said.

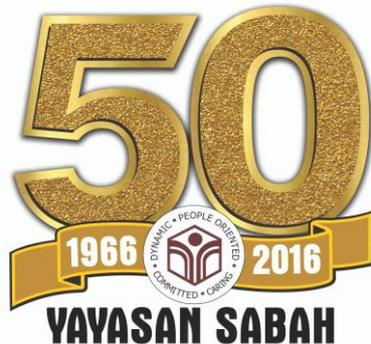
“It is also to create a focus group among the target of multi-level and multi-dimensional categories in each district through the concept of lifelong learning and to emphasis on value for money programme. The implementation of this PPM is then done via collaboration with various Government agencies, the private sector and NGOs,” he added.

Overall, from 2005, the six zone offices implemented a total of 3,624 core programmes involving RM8.095 million which reached 458,786 beneficiaries.

Explaining on the Yayasan Sabah with the People Programme or in short YSBR, Datuk Sapawi said, through YSBR programme, Yayasan Sabah Group has implemented 39,936 projects/programmes since 2005.

“These projects include construction and repair of hard core poor houses, suspension bridges, walkways, jetties, gravity-feed pipes/wells as well as women entrepreneurship. Programmes under the YSBR are aimed to uplift the quality of life of the people. Overall, these projects have benefitted 40,011 people throughout the State involving RM7.47 million,” he added.

The public are all welcome to join in the informative programme and roadshow.



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