

UMP students travel to Banda Aceh to help orphans

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BANDA ACEH: Some 230 orphans here received aid from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) as part of its corporate social responsibility programme.

The overseas charity project was initiated by UMP's women's association known as Matahari, and involved 16 students from the Engineering Technology Faculty, two lecturers, 10 students from Banda Aceh's Universitas Syiah Kuala and 15 Matahari members led by its adviser Datin Fazia Ali.

Fazia said the contribution would be followed up with English communication skills development and upgrading of the welfare home's infrastructure.

She also said the programme had helped enhance the spirit of volunteerism among students and staff.



Students giving a brief explanation on the drinking water filter to the orphans during UMP's programme in Banda Aceh. Looking on is Fazia (wearing a pink tudung).

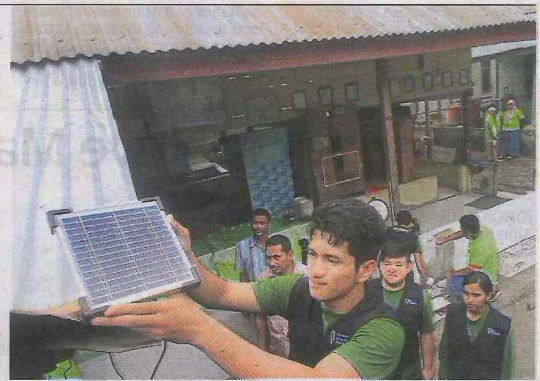
"This programme is part of our 2016-2020 strategic plan emphasising on the importance of technology in a community.

"We are providing a solar panel so the home will have continuous power supply as

well as a water filter," she said.

Most of the orphans at the Dayah Nurul Huda home had lost their family members in the 2004 tsunami.

The home's caretaker Tgk Darman M Daud, 45, said they



UMP Engineering Technology student Mohd Amirul Hafizi Mamat fixing the solar panel on the roof of Dayah Nurul Huda home.

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were grateful for the help.

"We have received various contributions from many countries, mostly from Malaysia.

"Presently, the premises is too small for the 230 orphans and we welcome donations so we

can expand our facilities.

"The solar panel system provided by UMP will help reduce our electricity bill while the water filter will also give the orphans regular supply of clean drinking water," Darman said.