



UMP IN-SMARTIVE CLUB MEMBERS' MEANINGFUL TRIP AT UTY

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A total of 23 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) undergraduates took time off to experience the way of life of peasants away in a village in Indonesia while their friends returned to their homes and families during the final semester break.

The group, who were members of the In-Smartive Club, went to Dusun Ngepring, Purwobinangun, a rural area of Istimewa District in Yogyakarta on June 30, 2013. They stayed with their foster parents there.

They were involved in a community project called, 'Projek Titik Sentuhan @Yogyakarta', an

international mobility reach out initiative that was supported by the Pahang Menteri Besar Office, Pahang Federal Development Office, Student Affairs & Alumni Department (SAFFAD) and Universitas Teknologi Yogyakarta (UTY).

Fifteen undergraduates from UTY were also involved in the project.

Project Manager, Brahma Wirapati Rossi, 20, said the objective of the project was to put together the best benchmark practise for community programme by institutes of higher learning in Indonesia.

Brahma is Faculty of Technology second-year undergraduate pursuing a degree in Industrial Technology Management.

Brahma added that it was different as compared to Malaysia as community programmes by universities in Indonesia was systematically structured in the 'Kuliah Kerja Nyata (KKN) or the Community Service Education and Rural Development classes which required total participation from undergraduates.

"In the 'Projek Titik Sentuhan, undergraduates from both universities work together to help sustainably transform Dusun Ngepring as UMP-UTY's own Rural Development entity," said Brahma who hailed from Jakarta.

Dusun Ngepring is located in Kabupaten Sleman, one of the Kabupatens in Istimewa District in Yogyakarta. There are some 200 families living in the village and rearing high quality livestock is their main economy activity.

The daily routines included milking, cleaning the sheds, selling the milk at local cooperatives, looking for grass and feeding the livestock and those were the chores the participants did in the project.

The village people were also introduced to the local, unique Malaysian dishes and the participants demonstrated their cooking skills by