Fadillah: Include more villages in tuition mission

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KUCHING: The YSS tuition mission held at Kampung Gita here involving volunteer graduates from local universities and IPTAs (public institutions of higher learning) created a huge impact on the children of three villages namely Kampung Gita Lama, Kampung Gita Baru and Kampung Gita Laut, said Minister of Works Datuk Fadillah Yusof.

Fadillah who is also Member of Parliament for Petra Jaya hoped that the programme initiated by the Graduates Volunteer Foundation (YSS) will be expanded to include other villages in Petra Jaya as well.

He said this at the YSS tuition mission closing ceremony held at Kpg Pinang Jawa Community Hall in Petra Jaya yesterday afternoon.

Fadillah added that most parents of the children who took part in the tuition mission were grateful that their children had improved tremendously in their studies in two core subjects namely English and Mathematics.

Hence, he urged YSS to plan and initiate a continuous programme at the three villages and other villages in the Petra Jaya area. “The programme in the three villages was actually for a year although initially it was only for six months. It is hoped that the programme will help to produce progressive and dynamic graduates who would in turn became role models for the future generations,” he said.

YSS took a fun-learning approach which is more interactive to attract students for about two hours and stressing on two core subjects namely English and Mathematics. It is attended by more than 200 students from various backgrounds.

YSS chairperson Dato’ Zuraidah Atan said the tuition mission involved 120 volunteers from four universities and IPTAs namely Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak Campus, Batu Lintang Teachers Training Institute and Kuching Polytechnic.

The tuition mission started from 1 October, 2013 and ended on 30 April, 2014. It took 74 teaching sessions held in an attractive and conducive environment.

In line with the YSS concept “right volunteer for the right job” the programme was able to instil good values and deeds among the graduates and to enhance and strengthen their image and reputation and the local community’s perception on the roles of IPTAs.

Zuraidah also hoped that such programme would create good ties and network among the volunteers.

The village chief of Kampung Gita, Suhaili Razali also spoke at the function.