

UCSI students clean up flood-hit village in Temerloh

OVER 60 students from UCSI University's Faculty of Engineering, Technology and Built Environment (FETBE) came together to clean up 35 flooded houses in Kampung Paya Dalam, Temerloh recently.

The campaign led by FETBE department head Asst Prof Ahmad Tamby Kadir was in line with 'Ops Bantuan Sukarelawan Banjir'.

Most of the areas had been submerged by flood water, leaving the victims with ruined and muddied belongings. When water levels finally receded, the area was left with a horrible stench.

The clean-up crew were segregated into seven groups. While some groups cleaned up houses, others threw away garbage and ruined furniture, and cleaned dishes that the villagers reserved for special occasions.

A student from Yemen, Enas Rajeh said over a hundred glass tableware needed to be cleaned.

"It took us the whole day to do

the dishes but none of us complained. Malaysia is my second home and everyone here is my family.

Ahmad Adli Al Lulu, a student from Jordan, said he felt great joy knowing he was part of the mission.

"There were so many things to clear away and clean. The houses had a very terrible smell and were layered with mud, even on the inside!"

"There were also many walls to scrub but it was well worth the effort," he added.

A booth was set up by UCSI students on campus grounds to raise funds to buy essential items including water jets, buckets, hoses, brooms, mops, brushes, and 50 boxes of drinking water, fruits and instant noodles for flood victims.

A total of RM3,600 was raised.



Successful mission: The UCSI civil engineering students posing with Kg Paya Dalam, Temerloh residents after the clean-up effort.



For a good cause: The UCSI students cleaning muddied glass tableware.