

UCSI, Sime Darby build home for Orang Asli family

MORE than 40 UCSI University (UCSI) students and staff under CAREton Project @ UCSI University came together with volunteers from Sime Darby to build a house for an Orang Asli family in Kampung Orang Asli Serendah, Hulu Selangor, in September.

This community service initiative was a flagship event under CAREton Project @ UCSI University, which supports the main CAREton Project, a carton recycling campaign organised by Tetra Pak and supported by Nestlé, to promote the collection of used beverage cartons for recycling into building materials.

These materials are then donated to a non-governmental organisation, EPIC Homes, to construct homes for Orang Asli families. The project is championed by UCSI's Faculty of Applied Sciences (FOAS).

Present at the Key Handover Ceremony as the guest of honour was Deputy Education Minister Datuk P. Kamalanathan.

Kamalanathan commended the university's commitment to foster a civic-minded learning experience among their students.

"We need to encourage growth in terms of their leadership skills, ethical and civic responsibilities, as well as to instil volunteerism, and inspire positive activism. I am happy to note that UCSI is doing just that.

"I hope that all of you will continue to do what you are doing here, and expand it to the country."

UCSI is the first university in Malaysia to be a CAREton Project family member, and the collaboration was initiated by Associate Professor Dr Crystale Lim Siew Ying, a FOAS lecturer and advisor of the CAREton Project @ UCSI University.

Fully supported by the faculty and the university, the CAREton Project @ UCSI University is also now a Student Enrichment Programme (SEP).

As an SEP, UCSI University Trust Scholarship students can choose to volunteer for it as part of their community engagement work.

This ensures the project has a steady stream of volunteers to foster its continuity.

The event was also attended by UCSI University vice-chancellor and senior president Professor Datuk Dr Khalid Yusoff and the faculty's Dean Associate Professor Dr Bimo Ario Tejo.

CAREton Project @ UCSI University Homebuilding 2016 was supported by Sime Darby Holdings Berhad, Proguard Technologies, Ford Malaysia, Yayasan Dayadiri, iM4U and Volunteer Malaysia.

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Deputy Education Minister **Datuk P. Kamalanathan** (second row, fifth from right) and the **students and staff volunteers of UCSI University**.