## SDGA, others jointly hold education outreach programme at SMK Lubok Antu

KUCHING: The Sarawak Dayak Graduates Association (SDGA) in collaboration with the Youth Empowerment Society Sarawak (YESS), Kelab Belia Stapok and World Merit Ltd recently organised an education outreach programme at SMK Lubok Antu.

The association in a statement said the programme called 'Randau Sambung Belajar' engaged Form 4 and Form 5 students and focused on motivating the secondary school students to pursue higher education.

The students were briefed on various higher learning institutions they could apply to as well as the various financial assistances available for higher learning.

Among the activities held during the one-day seminar was a motivational talk conducted by SDGA members and YESS, which also prepared and presented an interaction session to inspire the students to further their studies.

The programme was facilitated by YESS president Afiq Khatem, SDGA advisor Gary Ningkan, SDGA vice president Dr Joshua Nuing, and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Sarawak Faculty of Business and Management lecturer Rudy Ujang.

SDGA president Dr Jawing Chunggat in his speech said the association remained committed to ensuring that Sarawak's rural communities receive fair access and information regarding opportunities to higher-learning education.

"This is part of SDGA's continuous effort to continue to enhance human capital development in Sarawak," he said, adding that SDGA also held a similar programme at SMK Bakun in Sg Asap, Belaga in early

July

As the main organiser, YESS said it is eager to work with SDGA, UiTM and other organisations to hold similar outreach programmes at other schools throughout Sarawak.

It also hoped for support from relevant institutions such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education and other profit and non-profit

organisations.

SDGA and YESS, which intend to continue organising similar education outreach programmes at more rural schools, encouraged any interested schools or communities to contact SDGA via email at sarawakdga@gmail. com or through their Facebook and Instagram page.

Those who wish to be part of future SDGA programmes are welcome to register as members at www.sarawakdga.org.my.



Jawing (second row, centre) in a group photo with participants and organisers of the education outreach programme at SMK Lubok Antu.