

ISM GIVES BACK AT 'ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE'

TAWAU: More than twenty students of the Institute of Science and Management (ISM), Tawau pitched in to clean a recreational park in Tawau. The students led by the Organizing Chairperson, Chen Ket Sheng, spent half a day to clean Taman Rekreasi Hotspring, Tawau on March 16th, 2018.

Community service has been the usual exercise every year and is offered under the course of MPU 2412 Co-curriculum, of which will be offered to students who are in the diploma programs. This semester, the students have decided to give back to the community by cleaning up an area of a recreational park in Hotspring Tawau. The concept of community service in the ISM is taken very seriously as it is one of the institute's principles to be a community-based higher institution. With the approval and help of Majlis Perbandaran Tawau, this event took off very smoothly without any glitch.

So far, numerous activities such as this has been held including cleaning up the shore of Persiaran Traulsen, cleaning activity at Tawau Old Folk's Home, visit to SPCA Tawau and also *Free Food Giveaway* which focused on giving away free food for the homeless community in Tawau. The ISM is constantly looking for new ways to serve the community in the district.

Currently, there are three diploma courses offered at the institute, which are Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in Accounting and the newly launched Diploma in Agribusiness Management which took off last year in January. Not only that, ISM also offers A-Level programme in Science and Art. ISM offers quality and much sought after programmes in the field of business and agriculture. This has been proven when the institute achieved 5-Star rating in the college-based category of the Malaysian Quality Evaluation System (MyQUEST). The diploma programmes of ISM have also been awarded 5-Star for three times in 2012/2013, 2014/2015 and 2016/2017 ratings. Having a higher percentage of employment rate among students, the institute hopes that it could enhance the assurance of parents of local Tawau as well as the whole Sabah to take this institute very seriously.

Although having affordable fee, ISM also looks at the greater possibilities for students coming from the lower income families. Recently, ISM introduced "Zero Tuition Fee" to allow 200 underprivileged students under its diploma programs to lessen the burden of parents and students when it comes to the tuition fee. This gives much hope to the locals to experience education at its best at a conducive place.

The three diploma programmes – Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in Accounting, and Diploma in Agribusiness Management, are now opened for registration. The application deadline will be on 12th May. The programmes will commence on May 14th. For those who are interested to enroll, please visit our Student Services & Information Centre to obtain the registration form or simply download it from the official website of ISM at <u>http://www.ism.edu.my</u>. Should you have any enquiries, please call 089-779623 or email us via enquiry@ism.edu.my.