



## 7th ASEF Rectors' Conference & Students' Forum

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### **SDGs as Drivers of University Society Impact: UBD Experience**

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS







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### Discovery Year: Community Outreach Programme





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**Discovery Year: Internship Programme**







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### Entrepreneurship Village



National Entrepreneurship Agenda:  
Entrepreneurship Village

Entrepreneurial Mindset  
to 3 Key Community  
Groups





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### Start-up from UBD







### Student Initiatives



Medical Students reach out to Kampong Kapok for Diabetes Awareness

### Human Libraries Reaching Out to Communities



Student Volunteers(back row, standing) in a group photo with village representatives of Kg Amo B longhouse, and students of the Human Library Project. Photo: UBD/Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

As part of their Discovery Year experience, undergraduate students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) started the Human Library Project (HLP) in efforts to boost literacy and expand learning experiences in underprivileged villages in Brunei Darussalam. The project was rolled out as part of the Community Outreach Programme (COP), an option for their Discovery Year.

A total of 40 students have so far volunteered in the HLP since 2013. The Human Library follows a philosophy of student volunteers serving as "human libraries" and dissemination points of knowledge and experience wherever they live. The students primarily focus on children living in impoverished or very remote areas, with more attention on activities that could enhance their learning experience. They aimed to uplift their standards in key aspects such as literacy levels, confidence at public speaking, and teamwork skills.

The target group includes pupils at pre-primary and primary levels as well as students at lower secondary level. The pupils are grouped according to their schooling levels and allocated tutors depending on their subject areas.

The first beneficiary of the HLP was Kg Amo B longhouse in Temburong district. HLP activities focused on the improvement of the reading skills of the target population in both, English and Malay languages. The focus was later widened to cater for other skills gaps such as in writing, mathematics, social studies,

sciences, religious knowledge, storytelling, and other subjects in which students learning experience could be improved.

Since its introduction in 2013, the project has received wide acceptance from parents, teachers and the pupils themselves. The number of enrolments into the HLP's weekly activities increased from 15 pupils/students in 2013 to over 70 in 2014



Volunteers teaching the children through interactive games in the Human Library Project. Photo: UBD/Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences





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## Student Activities



Global community



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### UBD-AUFA Debuted in Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2018

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Group photo of UBD-AUFA team members at Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2018

#### Shell Eco-marathon Asia (SEMA) and UBD-AUFA

The Shell Eco-marathon Asia (SEMA) is a competition held every year and was started to offer students from Asian regions to experience hands-on opportunities to cultivate ideas and technology, knowledge and skills, within an arena of competition. The goal of SEMA is to allow young engineers to design, build and drive the most energy-efficient car. This competition is not about being the fastest but it is about building a vehicle that can travel the furthest distance on the least amount of fuel. This year, UBD participated in the competition for the 5th time since 2012 bringing the name of the team as 'UBD-AUFA'. The name was chosen by the team members which brings a deeper meaning that describes the team's spirits. AUFA is actually an Arabic word that means committed to a promise. In which reflects the students in the project, where the team is committed to achieve their aim; to strive for victory and bring up the name of the country as well as the university.

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