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The International Medical University (IMU), through its student services department and the student representative council, has always been involved in community projects, both as participants as well as organisers since its inception in 1993.

Under IMU's corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme, the university has adopted three villages, Kampung Tekir in Labu, Negri Sembilan, Kampung Simpang Enam in Batu Pahat, Johor and Kampung Ulu Serendah in Kuala Kubu Baru, Selangor.

On Dec 6, IMU organised a health screening and gift of sight at Kampung Ulu Serendah in Kuala Kubu Baru, Selangor in collaboration with Klinik Kesihatan Serendah and Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital to provide health-related counselling to the villagers. About 70 IMU students and staff participated in this project.

The day was filled with interesting activities which include health talks on H1N1, dengue fever and Aids/HIV, body mass index screening and nutrition counselling as well as paediatric and health screening for all the villagers. Approximately 75 adults and 60 children participated in the health screening project. A donation booth was set up to distribute donated items.

Another health screening project

was held from Dec 19-20 in Kampung Simpang Enam, Rengit, Batu Pahat. The two-day event started with health screening at the Balai Raya. A team from Klinik Pergigian Air Hitam was also there to provide dental screening. The opening ceremony was officiated by Dr Izzah Ahmad, deputy director of Hospital Batu Pahat and was attended by Tan Sri Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman, IMU President and Prof Datuk Dr S. T. Kew, dean of IMU Clinical School. Social events such as football match and cultural show were held in the evening.

IMU students then stayed a night with their foster families in the village.

The following day, there was a motivational talk for the village children. Telematches between the villagers and students were held after that. The telematches proved to be a good avenue for the students to bond with their foster families to build team spirit and to simply have fun. The

closing ceremony was officiated by Rengit state assemblyman Ayub Jamil.

The IMU offers undergraduate degree programmes in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, nursing, nursing science, nutrition and dietetics, psychology and biomedical science, medical biotechnology, chiropractic as well as postgraduate degrees by research (MSc and PhD) in medical sciences or community health. Credit transfer options to the University of Strathclyde, University of Newcastle, University of Queensland, and University of Otago are now available for pharmacy.

Another new transfer option with RMIT University is now available for the Chiropractic programme.

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IMU's student lending a helping hand at the Health Screening in Kuala Kubu Baru