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Montfort and UniKL youths to begin Mount Kinabalu mission tomorrow

By NOEL FOO

FOLLOWING the conclusion of their tenth and final climb training session, 23 underprivileged and challenged youths are now ready to climb Mount Kinabalu.

The 23 selected youths from Montfort Boys Town and UniKL Business School are participants of the Youth Transformation Programme under Mission 70 – “Bridging the Divide”, a charity project organised by the Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang (RCBB).

Scheduled to be held from June 15 to 19, the youths will be accompanied by a large group of mentors and coaches.

On Monday, RCBB president Yap Fatt Lam announced that RCBB royal patron Tunku Naquiyuddin Tuanku Ja'afar had decided to sponsor an additional two youths to join the initial selection of 21 participants.

“Our climbers need to maintain a positive attitude when they make that climb. That same positive attitude is important to all of us as it reminds us to persevere in life,” said Tunku Naquiyuddin.

He said he regretted not being able to join the group but announced that his eldest son, Tunku Mohamed Alauddin, would be participating in the climb as one of the mentors.

The youths have worked hard for the climb ever since the programme was officiated on Feb 21.

The last session saw the youths training at Bukit Gasing.

As the Youth Transformation Programme is a long-term initiative, Yap said the mentors would continue to monitor the development of the youths after the climb and over the course of a few years.

This Youth Transformation Programme is an international project that involves 16 Rotary Clubs and seven Rotary International districts in eight Asian countries.

The project is sponsored by many individuals and corporations. TV3 is the official TV partner and Malindo Air is the official airline.



One voice: The youths who will be climbing Mount Kinabalu singing the RCBB Mission 70 theme song before the press conference.

Checking it out: Rotary Malaysia district governor Mansoor Saat (second from left), Tunku Naquiyuddin (third from left) and Yap (fourth from left) inspecting walking sticks which will be used by the youths during the climb.