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KOTA KINABALU: Students from The Montfort Boys Town in Shah Alam and University of Kuala Lumpur (UNIKL) are going on a challenge of a lifetime to climb Mount Kinabalu on June 15-19.

The 23 specially selected youths are undertaking the Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang (RCBB) Mission 70- 'Bridging the Divide'-Youth Transformation Mentoring Programme for Underprivileged and Challenged Youths.

The participants aged ranging from 18 to 26 will be accompanied by adventure consultant cum inspirational

speaker Khoo Swee Chiow, who had conquered Mount Everest three times and climb leader Ong Hock Siew, who had a record of climbing Mount Kinabalu 63 times.

"The programme will run for three years and all the youths come from poor and broken families as well as orphans who lost their parents through fatal road accidents," said RCBB president Yap Fatt Lam during a briefing at Sabah Golf & Country Club yesterday.

"We want to give them back and so that they can become somebody in future.

"We choose Mount Kinabalu to kick off the programme as in life there is always difficulties but with the right attitude we will be stronger and eventually we will overcome the obstacles and achieve success in life," said Yap.

"During the climb, the students will also attend 'classroom in the skies' along the trail and will be followed by three years of monitoring by professional and entrepreneur coaches and mentors," he said.

Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu South, president Nicholas Fernandez in welcoming the participants noted that the RCBB Mission 70 is an international project, involving eight countries (Hong Kong, Japan, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia), seven Rotary International Districts, and 16 Rotary Clubs.

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Tunku Mohamad Alauddin (fifth right), Yap (sixth right), Khoo (fifth right), Ong (third left) and the rest of the participants gesturing the 70 sign