

ISKUL SAMA DILAUT OMADAL

*To build young leaders among the local community
(Malaysian citizen and stateless) through holistic education*



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Dear <<First Name>> ,

Hello from Iskul!

We've had a busy couple of months, and are overjoyed to write to you today! Iskul, as always, strives to bring the best to the children of Omadal. We write to you with an update of our activity through the months of August and September.

We have good news! Our application to the ministry of education has moved on to the next step - Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sabah has recognised us as Pusat Bimbingan Alternatif Omadal, Semporna. This brings Iskul a step closer to continuing to operate as an educational facility, and solidify the children's academic progress. We genuinely hope to bring more good news your way soon!

This month, we have focused on development activities for the students, as opposed to our usual academic schedule. We hope that the coming months bring us the opportunity to be recognised as a learning institute under the Ministry of Education.

Here's a rundown of what we've been up to

1. [Our curious and eco-conscious students embarked on an exciting marine adventure right here in our island paradise.](#) Through their hands-on experience today, our students are not just learning about marine biology; they're also becoming stewards of our planet's aquatic treasures. Armed with enthusiasm and mapping tools, they delved into the mesmerising world of seagrass beds.



A group of our students are leading the way to keep our island clean and vibrant. They're planning regular clean-up sessions to pick up litter and give our home the love it deserves.

490kg of trash were brought out from Omadal! And their dedication doesn't stop there. They're setting up a daily monitoring schedule to ensure that the bins are being used properly and the surroundings stay as clean as possible.

Plus, they're planning awareness campaigns to encourage the entire community to get involved! Let's support our students as they make a positive difference for our island and our well-being.



- [Once again, we saw the Pesta Bulan Paluwak!](#) This year, the celebration was in conjunction with Merdeka day, and so we had an exploration event on the island during the day, before our performances in the evening. Thank you to everyone who attended the party. This time, our own students were a part of organising the event - they had a great learning experience, and the event was a success! One interesting initiative was the fun-fair event that was run by encouraging guests to exchange their trash for the opportunity to play games! Forward thinking ideas like this ensure a future where Omadal is free from unsustainable trash habits. Congratulations to all the winners, and to those who haven't won yet, we'll try again next time! This party belongs to and is for the community, hopefully next time we can meet again.





4. [Some of our students sell mustard greens that have been grown in our own hydroponic garden.](#) Even with the sales they've made, not all the pots have been harvested because the remaining vegetables are still small and not yet suitable for harvesting.

Vegetables are among the most important foods for health because they have many nutrients.

For the community living on the island, it is very difficult to get a supply of vegetables. With the existence of this hydroponic garden, to some extent it can help the community on Omadal Island so that it is easier to get a supply of vegetables.



5. [The wayang kulit performance by Iskul students during the Collective Festival \(Panggung Kampong\) held at Semporna Alternative School was a great success!](#)

We offer our friends our gratitude for giving us the space and opportunity to show our skills. We hope to return again in the next Festival!



realm, exploring not only incredible robotics by Sabah's young minds but also other mind-blowing technological inventions.



7. [We absolutely thrilled to announce that our short film, *Ini Bukan Terlewat Raya*, emerged victorious in the recent Go10 Filmmaker's Competition in Indigenous Language Category.](#)

We also want to extend our thanks to the judges and organisers of Kota Kinabalu International Film Festival for providing the space and opportunity for us to join the competition and also recognizing our film.

Last but certainly not least, we want to express our gratitude to our supporters. This victory is not just about winning a competition; it's actually shows that everyone is with us in the fight for stateless children . We're excited to continue our journey in the world of filmmaking, to tell more stories about them and the real life realities they have to face.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of this incredible journey and you can also watch our short film in our [Youtube Channel](#).



We look forward to writing to you soon with more updates; thank you for being with us on this journey!

We thank you for your time and support! Magsukul!

The grants that support our operation and activities end by December this year. If our work resonates with you, please consider making a contribution to keep us going.

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With gratitude,
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