



Ik Pahon (third right) in a symbolic handover of the donation to Robert (fourth left) as Dr Sinang (right), the siblings and DBNA delegation look on.

## DBNA raises RM22,850 for children of electrocuted couple

**KOTASAMARAHAN:** A donation drive by Dayak Bidayuh National Association (DBNA) to assist the children of the couple who died from electrocution in Cameron Highlands successfully raised a total of RM22,850.

Initiated by DBNA Serian branch, the donation drive commenced from March 12 to 18 among DBNA members through their WhatsApp chat group.

Yesterday, Tebedu assemblyman Dr Simon Sinang Bada and DBNA president Datu Ik Pahon Joyik handed over the donation to the children and their guardians at the house of designated guardian Robert Adi in Taman Samarindah Baru.

Also present were DBNA vice president and DBNA Serian secretary Dr Clarence Jerry, DBNA Serian assistant secretary Rolland Linggat (also donation coordinator) and exco member

Richard Banter.

During the visit, the DBNA delegation gave comforting and motivational words to the guardian and children of the deceased, aged between two and 10.

They informed that from the funds raised, RM8,500 was handed over to the guardian while the remaining funds had been deposited into the respective Skim Pendidikan Nasional (SSPN) accounts of the three siblings.

Arrangements are now being made to transfer the eldest sibling aged 10 and the middle sibling, 8, to a school in Samarahan.

Their parents Damian Senin, 46, and Ronwina Mambai, 35, were found dead in the bathroom of their house in Taman Puncak Tringkap in Cameron Highlands on March 10.

The late Damian hailed from Kampung Daha Kisau, the same village as Dr Sinang.

Their bodies were laid to rest in the Christian cemetery at Section 21 in Shah Alam, on March 13 – a day after post-mortem was conducted at Sultan Hajjah Kalsom Hospital in Tanah Rata.

The siblings were flown home together with Robert and wife Kelly Jhon on March 16.

Robert, 43, is the older brother of the late Ronwina, who hailed from Ruan Lubang Tiung in Simunjan.

In his brief remarks after the donation handover, Dr Sinang thanked members of DBNA and other sympathisers for their generous contributions to help this family. He also advised the siblings to persevere and study hard so that they can be successful individuals when they grow up.