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# Health screening for villagers

It was a weekend of fun and excitement for the Kampung Parit Kadir Senggarang community in Johor when Pharmaniaga, in partnership with the International Medical University (IMU), carried out a health screening and promotion programme recently.

The main objective of the programme was to improve the health status and awareness of the local community within the district of Batu Pahat.

It involved early detection and education on diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension, breast cancer, cervical cancer, obesity, myopia, prostate disease and paediatrics.

The programme had assistance from Hospital Batu Pahat and health clinics from various districts.

It proved to be an educational experience

for the final-year medical students of IMU.

Targeted at 500 people of all age groups, the programme was held at SK Parit Kadir.

Classrooms were used for screening and health checks by 96 final-year medical students, four specialists, four nurses from IMU and 10 medical staff from Hospital Batu Pahat.

The Pharmaniaga Skuad Operasi Sihat (SOS) mobile clinic visited homes of the elderly and infirm who were unable to go to the school for treatment.

The programme, which lasted two days ended with a cultural show, games and *gotong-royong*.

SOS is a mobile clinic launched in November 2007 to raise awareness of health among rural populations.