

# 150 Julau farmers join agriculture programme

**JULAU:** A total of 150 farmers here took part in the Agriculture Community Outreach (AgriCOP) programme at Rumah Amas, Jikang on Tuesday.

Among the topics covered by Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu campus lecturer Mike Jiwan was the fertigation method of planting terung asam and ginger.

Meluan assemblyman Rolland Duat, who officiated at the closing ceremony, said the constituency received RM120,000 from the Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) state government's Agriculture Facilitation Fund (AFF) for AgriCOP programmes.

Local farmers also received an allocation of RM1 million for planting Musang King durians.

He pointed out the GPS state government is focussed on developing the agricultural sector as it is capable of improving the livelihoods of the people for the better.



Julau District Agriculture officer Veronica Inyang presents a certificate of participation to Tuai Rumah Amas Lingoh. Rolland is at second right.

This was proven by the 2021 state budget allocation of RM1.123 billion for the Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture, Native Land and Regional Development compared to

RM797 million under the 2020 state budget, he said.

He added AgriCOP aims to transform the industry into a high-income sector.

Rolland advised local farmers to

make full use of the programmes organised by the Agriculture Department to increase their income through the application of modern methods, knowledge, and technology.