

**Sugandoi Kaamatan Sabah A Platform To Promote Goodwill, Unity - Ongkili
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PENAMPANG, May 26 (Bernama) -- The Sugandoi Kaamatan festival in Sabah is a platform to strengthen unity among the various people and ethnic groups.

In conjunction with the festival, Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili wants more Kadazandusun Murut (KDM) songs to be written with lyrics that portray unity and goodwill.

Maximus Ongkili who is also the Deputy President of Persatuan Kebudayaan Kadazandusun (KDCA) also welcomed Sugandoi (singing) Kaamatan which has been able to identify talented singers, especially those who sang Kadazan or Dusun songs in Sabah.

The Kaamatan festival of Sabah (harvest festival) is not only celebrated by Kadazandusun and Murut but also all the people of Sabah and Malaysia regardless of different races and religion.

"We welcome the participation of new talents in the competition. The more singers participate, the better the competition since it becomes more competitive.

"At the same time, Sugandoi Kaamatan can become a platform to promote goodwill and unity," he told reporters when speaking at the Sugandoi Kaamatan Sabah 2013 in Hongkod Koisaan, near here, Sunday.

Meanwhile, Gedion Hilarius who represented Dewan Bandaraya Kota Kinabalu emerged champion in the Sugandoi Kaamatan Sabah 2013 and walked away with the top prize of RM6,000 while Jaclyn Yun from Sandakan took second spot and received RM4,000.

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