Pre-university students urged to motivate themselves

KOTA KINABALU: Pre-university students are encouraged to create ways to motivate themselves.

Chairman of the University of Malaya Sabah (UMS) residential college, Dr. Freddie Robinson said motivation is the key point for every student to push their potential until they get into the university.

“They need to build up their self confidence from being in school before heading to university,” he said at the closing ceremony of the pre-university students programme here yesterday.

The programme focused on introducing UMS to future students as they are a step away from pursuing their higher education.

“Through this programme, I am sure the facilitators (seniors) can share a lot of their life campus experience with the students,” he added.

A total of 18 secondary schools from rural areas around Sabah attended the three day motivation programme.

Among them were SMK Sri Nangka, SMK Abdul Rahman, SMK Sikutai, SMK Kinarut, SMK Gadong, SMK Taun Gusi, SMK Kota Marudu, SMK Benoni, SMK Tandek, smk Kuala Penyu, SMK Tenom, SMK Takis, SMK Telupid, SMK Mat Salleh, SMK Kemabong, SMK Narinang, SMK Datuk Pengiran, Galpam and SMK Segama.

Each school was represented by 10 students and a teacher.

Mohd Zulfikar said the programme has opened up opportunities for rural students like him to know exactly the daily campus life.

“I am happy to be chosen to join this programme and I know a lot now from the seniors about how to manage time during class, tutorial and assignments,” he said.

For Jarneta Jimpin, 18, from SMK Narinang, she feels blessed when she was given a chance to join the programme.

“I have strong desire now to study hard for STPM so I can become one of the undergraduates next year,” she told New Sabah Times yesterday.

Mohd Zulfikar and Jarneta were awarded as top male and female students for their best performance and creativity during the programme.

Also present were UMS deputy president of student representatives for session 2016/2017, Nursyabira Anis and deputy director of the programme, Susana Goh Shi Ji.

KOTA KINABALU: Kuwait will be a new business hub to export Sabah-based Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) products.

Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Raymond Tan Shu Khi said that it will become reality soon as a new collection depot for Sabah, DHSB Sdn Bhd, is in the process of identifying and collecting potential local SME products to be marketed by Kuwait firm, Sabah Hyper.

Through DHSB agreement with Kuala Lumpur-based company, Malaysian Millennium Entrepreneurs Consortium (MMEC), an estimation of a tonne of Sabah SMEs products consisting of food and beverages and handicrafts are expected to be shipped to Kuwait.

Raymond, whose speech text was read by Director of Department of Industrial Development and Research (DIDR), Patrick Tan, also congratulated MMEC for embarking on a journey to give entrepreneurs in Sabah as it opens a great opportunity for SMEs here to market their products internationally.

He however emphasized that, while the effort is highly encouraged, MMEC must give attention to SME entrepreneurs in Sabah so that they stand a fair chance to promote their products to a wider market.

“By marketing quality products at a fair price, it is a win-win situation for MMEC, entrepreneurs and consumers,” he said.