UiTM final year students to enjoy overseas trips

KUCHING: Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Sarawak campus, here will continue to send final year students on overseas trips, to enhance their knowledge of the development and culture of advanced and less developing countries. Following the successful trip of its Arts and Design Faculty students to London (England) in 2011 to experience the arts culture there, the university will adopt the same concept for students from other faculties.

The experience will be used as an eye-opener for students in regards to the advanced society and industrial development when compared to their industries here.

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A visit to less developing countries would give students an in-depth knowledge and ideas on how they could improve their industries, said UiTM Sarawak rector Prof Dato Jamil Hamali yesterday.

“It is good to expose the students overseas especially in certain countries that are less developed than ours. This would make the students appreciate the situation here more, while instilling pride about governance in with our country.

“Students could use Malaysia as a benchmark when comparing the development of other countries,” he told reporters when met after officiating at the Arts and Design Faculty diploma students’ exhibition at the state library in Petra Jaya.

The inaugural exhibition that combines art works from Fine Arts and Graphic Design and Digital Media, will be held until Thursday.

Jamil said that the university could not rely on government allocation alone in ensuring the success of this project.

Participation from the corporate sector is very much welcome especially in terms of sponsorship.

“We want every UiTM student to be able to experience the culture of developed countries as this could enrich their educational experience,” he said, adding that the three-day exhibition was a good avenue to inculcate arts into the daily living of the society.

Meanwhile, Jamil called on SPM school leavers to consider continuing their tertiary education at UiTM.

He said the university offered high quality courses for low fees, “and has a programme called ‘Changing the Destiny’ of local youths, whereby those from low income households of below RM2,000 per month are encouraged to send their children to study in UiTM”.

ENCHANTING: Visitors throng the exhibition hall.

GRAPHIC ARTS: Jamali browsing through some of the art works on exhibit after officiating at the launching ceremony. A total of 63 students take part in the exhibition. — Photo by Muhammad Rais Sanusi