UiTM Sarawak: Go for study trips abroad to widen knowledge

**KUCHING:** Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Sarawak would like its students to go on study trips abroad in order to gain greater exposure.

Its rector Prof Datuk Dr Jamil Hamali said students could learn a lot from visiting other countries that either were less developed or more advanced than Malaysia.

“At UiTM Sarawak, I've had a discussion with my team and we think it’s good to expose the students overseas, especially to certain countries that are behind us so that they can appreciate the development in Malaysia and what the Government has been doing.

“At the same time, we also encourage them to visit countries that are more advanced than us so that they can see what we can do to help Malaysia progress,” he said.

Dr Jamil added that this initiative required support from the private sector as the institution could not depend on government allocations alone to send its students overseas.

“We believe the private sector can assist the students to realise this dream.

On another matter, Dr Jamil called on SPM leavers to apply to UiTM as it offered many courses at affordable fees — from art and design to engineering, business and accounting.

He said the institution also had a programme to assist hardcore poor students whose families’ income was less than RM2,000 a month.

“We will give them assistance in the form of allowance, free accommodation and fee waiver for them to enter our six-month pre-diploma programme,” he said.

Meanwhile, fine arts course coordinator Halina Amin said the exhibition titled “Ranting” showcased the best work of final-year fine arts students in sculpture, printmaking, drawing and painting.

She said the art works were based on the theme of Sarawak including cultural elements, myths, legends and history.

Also exhibited was the work of the graphic design students, which included the use of digital media and photography in creating corporate identities and advertising material for companies.

The three-day exhibition ends tomorrow.