Best exam results preferred for entry into universities

KOTA KINABALU: The corporate communications coordinator of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) for Sabah, Dr Firdaus Sufiian, said there are limited places for students pursuing further study in the public institutes of higher learning (IPTAs) resulting in only ten per cent of the total number of applicants to be accepted.

Firdaus disclosed this during Kolej Yayasan Sabah (KYS) 2012 careers carnival held yesterday.

There are a total of 20 IPTAs nationwide and only Universiti Malaysia Sabah and UiTM are located in Sabah.

Due to the limited places available, Firdaus issued an urging for all students currently attending Form Five as well as those at institutions like KYS to perform their best to obtain the best possible result in the major examinations in order to facilitate entry into the IPTAs.

He reminded the students that they would not only have to compete for places with other students from Sabah but also from other parts of the country.

The minimum qualification required for entry into a programme leading to a diploma at UiTM is five credits at the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) level.

He however issued a caution that in view of the large number of applications received annually and the stiff competition for emplacement, the students would have to aim for higher and better grades in the SPM examination and urged them to obtain sufficient credits relevant to the courses they intend to pursue for.

“You may be interested in an engineering course, but without a distinction or at least a credit in Mathematics, you will not qualify,” he said, adding that the interest to pursue for a certain course must be sufficiently complemented by a number of distinctions or credits in their SPM result.

A student who has obtained 7As in the SPM examination can opt for the matriculation programme which lasts between one to two years, he said.

Meanwhile, KYS will open an online registration drive with JobsMalaysia Sabah at its premises from 8am to 4pm while a registration drive for new students will also be held today.