KOTA KINABALU: Higher learning institution undergraduates are urged to highlight the danger of drug abuse and its consequences to the people through their community projects.

“Reach out and get the message across,” said Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun yesterday, adding that undergraduates could also help set a good example for the younger generation to excel in their studies.

Describing the younger generation as the “nation’s asset and future leaders”, she disclosed that it would be a waste if this group of people were involved in negative activities.

Speaking when closing Program Cekal, an event jointly organised by Sabah Pemadam and Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Azizah said drug abuse involving the young in Sabah was not alarming and should be monitored continuously to prevent it from becoming worse.

“My advice is not to get yourself involved in drugs. It is unhealthy and destructive,” she said.

Azizah also complimented the programme, adding that it would help to disseminate information on the consequences of drug abuse.

Pemadam, she added, has acted as a non-governmental organisation to create awareness on the danger of drug abuse, adding that the Sabah National Anti Drug Agency has also set up a clinic, dubbed the Cure and Care (C&C) at the Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Centre (Puspen) in Papar, and a mini C&C in Keningau to offer its open access services.

Through the services, C&C would approach and offer treatments to those suffering from alcohol and drug addictions, as well as the chain smokers.