Drugs will destroy you, warns Minister

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KOTA KINABALU: Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Azizah Dun borrowed lyrics made famous by a late grunge rock musician to reach out to students during a drug awareness programme here, Thursday.

"Drugs are a waste of time, they destroy your memories and your self respect and everything that goes along with your self esteem," she told them, quoting Kurt Cobain.

Azizah, who is also Chairperson of the National Association for the Prevention of Drugs (Pemadam) Sabah said this during the programme organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah in collaboration with Pemadam Sabah at the UMS Chancellory building attended by some 200 students from five higher learning institutions here.

"Students are youths who have achieved high levels of education and they are the nation’s future leaders who have the potential to act as agents for change as well as set an example for other youths and adults.

"Through this programme, students will be exposed to drug related challenges and social responsibilities which have to be faced and tackled now," she said.

She pointed out that students play an important role in society’s bid to fight against drugs and hoped every student would use the knowledge gained during the seminar to help the community especially those from the rural areas on the dangers of drugs.

Towards this end, she said those with drug related problems as well as alcohol and nicotine problems may approach the National Anti Drugs Agency at the Cure and Care Clinic at the Narcotic Addiction Rehabilitation Centre in Papar as well as the Mini Cure and Care in Keningau which introduces an open access service to all.