Students warned against taking ‘invalid’ courses

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KOTA KINABALU: Kolej Yayasan Sabah students have been advised that it will be a waste of time and money if courses they plan to enrol in are not recognised by the Government.

"So, make sure you check out the courses and schools you are interested in," said Dr Zamali Tarmudi, a lecturer from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), at a talk in conjunction with the college’s Career Fair.

According to him, all courses and schools have to meet the requirements of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. Zamali asked students to surf http://www.mqa.gov.my to check out their choice of study.

The first session was all about educating students to prepare themselves for further education. He guided them on the do’s and don’ts and on how to qualify from the pre-diploma level up to doctorate level (PhD).

"The first thing you need to identify is your interest. Ask yourself what you want in life and focus on your passion."

However, according to Zamali, when it comes to applying for a place at a higher learning institute, interest and passion can be thrown out of the window because if one is not accompanied by qualification, all application by students become effortless and useless.

"It'll get you nowhere. If the course you are applying for requires five credits in the SPM exam, please apply only if you have five credits. Otherwise, the system will just reject you."

This especially applies to government schools as they are using a computerised system under Unit Pusat Universiti (UPU).

"The system will select students based on merit," he said.

"Even if you do meet the requirements, there is no guarantee that you will be selected for a particular course. However, it does put your chances a bit higher. If your results are higher than the requirements, that puts you in an even better position."

Meanwhile, he also said that the current KYS was UiTM back in 1973 until the 1980’s when UiTM rented the place and introduced UiTM as an option for students interested in furthering their studies.

The second talk was on coaching attendees to be more prepared for job applications which involved resumes and interviews.

Registration for new students will be conducted on April 5.