KUCHING: Undergraduates have been told not to involve themselves in political activities but utilise their time to gain as much knowledge as possible.

The advice came from Santubong MP Datuk Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar who yesterday reminded undergraduates that any country needed to be governed by people who had rich life experiences.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of Massa Education and Technology Transfer (METT) 2012 at Kampung Bako Hulu here, he stressed that as university students who had just entered a new chapter of their life, they were lacking in life experiences, let alone knowledge in governing.

“Let me give you an example. Who will get more prawns, a father with rich experience in fishing or a son who is a university graduate? The answer is definitely the father.

“That’s why I do not like to see university students getting involved in politics because your life experiences are far more less than those in the government. Life experiences are vital in governing.

“Therefore, university students should focus on your study, pass your exam, further your study to master degree or PhD. Knowledge is the treasure that you should pursue.”

The Dewan Rakyat deputy Speaker also advised undergraduates to appreciate what the current government had done for the country’s development.

He welcomed the event organised by Sarawakian undergraduates who were studying at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) currently.

He hoped that the good example set up by UTM students would inspire the children of Kampung Bako to become a university student in future.

The six-day event which ends on Apr 11 is one of the community service programmes of UTM Sarawakian undergraduates.

The programme’s objective is to share with local community knowledge relating to technology. Eighteen undergraduates participated in the programme.

Demak Laut assemblyman Dr Hazland Abang Hipni who also spoke at the ceremony encouraged rural students to pursue technical knowledge.

“Anyone who has gotten the offer letter from technical institutions can seek assistance from me. I will try my best to arrange for you, from tuition fee to accommodation.”

GOOD PROGRAMME: Wan Junaidi (left), METT director Nur Aziemah Mohamad (second left) and other guests clap their hands after the opening gimmick.