Grad: Never give up

Award recipient believes everybody can succeed with determination

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KUCHING: Politeknik Kuching Sarawak graduate Ling Pick Soon is living proof that a never-give-up attitude leads to success.

The 22-year-old from Sri Aman was the recipient of the Director’s Award as well as the Academic and Co-curriculum Excellence Award at Politeknik Kuching’s 20th convocation yesterday.

He could not have foreseen his achievement several years ago, when he did not fare so well in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination.

“To be honest, my SPM results were not very good. But I did not give up my ambition to further my studies. I was finally able to obtain excellent results in my diploma course.

“So I would like to advise other students that SPM results are not the ‘be-all-and-end-all’. Everyone can still succeed if he doesn’t give up,” he said.

He added that he was surprised but happy to receive the awards, which were based not only on his academic performance but also his involvement in co-curricular activities.

Ling obtained a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.8 in his business diploma programme.

He was also active in sports and other co-curricular activities. He was the president of Politeknik Kuching’s student representative council for the December 2010 session and chairman of the basketball club from 2010 to 2011.

He also represented Politeknik Kuching in volleyball at the Politeknik Games in 2010 and in basketball at the 2nd Datuk Yong Khoon Seng Invitational Trophy Basketball Championships.

Ling is now pursuing a degree course in finance at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

Meanwhile, a total of 1,133 graduates received certificates and diplomas in civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, petrochemical engineering, business and information technology and communication.

They comprised 598 graduates from the December 2010 session, 460 from the June 2011 session and 75 from the May 2011 short semester.