Clearing the air about engineering to students

SEGAMAT: A team of lecturers and undergraduates from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) visited SMK Gemerih recently to promote the fields of electrical, electronic and robotic engineering to lower secondary school students.

UPM Associate Professor Mohd Nizar Hamidon, who was part of the team, said the number of Malay applicants in these fields of studies at UPM had shown a decline over the years.

“Our study showed that among the reasons for the drop was the lack of knowledge on the career prospects of these fields of studies. Another reason was the wrong perception that studying these subjects were costly,” he said.

Nizar said the initiative taken by the lecturers and undergraduates to the school was to clear all misconceptions and give potential students the right picture of their future careers.

“We have been to Kelantan, Negri Sembilan, Kedah and Johor since last November,” he said. By Sim Bak Heng

Mohd Nizar Hamidon (second from right) with the SMK Gemerih students during the visit by UPM lecturers and undergraduates to promote the fields of electrical, electronic and robotic engineering. Pix by Ahmad Ismail