KUCHING: Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak held its fourth career and employment fair at its campus, which managed to attract more than 500 graduates and students recently.

According to a press release from the university, 30 private and public companies from diverse industries took part in the one-day event.

“This is our biggest and most successful career fair so far,” said Swinburne Sarawak registrar and director of student operations, Hussain Taiban.

“This is a service we provide not only to our own graduates and students but also to those from public institutions to meet their prospective employers,” said Hussain, whose department organised the event.

Also patronising the fair to secure jobs and internships were graduates and students from UiTM and Institut Latihan Perindustrian.

“For next year’s event, we hope to bring in even more reputable organisations,” Hussain added.

Some of the big names at the fair included Mott MacDonald, Toho Titanium, RHB Bank, UMW Toyota, and Selangor-based Symphony BPO Solutions.

“The response has been very good. We have a lot of enquiries and a number of applications. The students and graduates here speak good English. We are also looking for those who speak Japanese, Korean and Mandarin because some of our clients are from those countries,” said Symphony BPO Solutions human resource manager Rajendran Sit.

According to Swinburne Sarawak acting pro vice chancellor Prof Ken Heskin, the fair was a platform for graduates and employers to meet.

“We value the engagement of the companies with Swinburne Sarawak and the feedback that they provide can be used for the university to strengthen our students in the working environment,” he said.

On the sidelines of the fair, a forum on public and private sectors was also held while several organisations gave career talks throughout the day.