PPKS/i-CATS upholds tradition through culture club

KUCHING: Sarawak Skills Development Centre (PPKS) and International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (i-CATS) remain committed in preserving local culture through its Serindang Seri Tari Club.

Recently the body celebrated its second anniversary by holding a colourful showcase at PPKS Auditorium here.

According to PPKS/i-CATS Students Affairs officer Adruce Amirol, the club currently has 26 members.

"It was established with a mission to preserve and uphold Sarawak's rich cultural heritage that encompasses the performing arts such as singing, dancing, poetry and craft-making," he said in a statement yesterday.

Led by lecturer Clement Empaling and the college's former students body president Serit Lakai, the showcase comprised poem recitals, ethnic dances and singing.

The highlight of the evening was the Kuningan (maiden) and Keling (warrior) pageant.

Apart from students and members of PPKS and i-CATS, the event also drew guests from the Dayak associations, as well as those from local institutions of higher learning such as Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak and Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus.

PPKS has been providing technical education and training since 1994, offering the Malaysian Skills certificates and diplomas.

In 2002, it established i-CATS to accommodate more students.

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