

# UMS exposes young pupils to STEM

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Pusat Minda Lestari recently held a STEM@STEMLAB Makerspace Activity Programme for young pupils at its U-Science premises.

Programme supervisor Jaini Sapirai said that the programme aimed to among other things, give the PML students exposure to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

"In addition, it is to provide the students a practical experience

through which they can apply knowledge in the classroom in the real world.

"They have been exposed to knowledge about how STEM applications are used in everyday life," he said.

According to Jaini, the three-day programme was seen to be able to increase students' interest in STEM.

"Among the activities held include Miracles Butterfly, Static Electricity Butterfly and Rocket Balloon.

"The impact of this programme also builds the characteristics of students who are creative, innovative and collaborative.

"Besides providing fun, it also opens students' eyes to the application of science in life and provides an opportunity to do STEM activities themselves," he said.

A total of 50 students aged between five to nine years and eight teachers were involved in making the programme a success.