



ONE FOR THE ALBUM The recipients of the excellent student award (front row) with Almain (back row second left), Suwadi (left), senior assistant Ustazah Nuridah Hamid (third left), former coordinator of the Loyalty Club, Masniah Tarah (third right), Club advisor Suhaibul Kassim (second right) and club-coordinator Mohd Khairil (right).

School Loyalty Clubs show positive results

KOTA KINABALU: Loyalty Clubs (Kelab Setia) in schools, established by the Information Department aimed at creating leadership and academic excellence, are beginning to give positive results.

This is evident from the admission of 14 students of the SMK Putatan Loyalty Club, including three past presidents of the club, into higher learning institutes. Eleven of them enter University Malaysia Sabah, University Malaysia Sarawak (one) and Kustem (one).

Sabah Information Department Director Almain Ajirul said he is very happy to see the results achieved by the club in producing excellent students.

"This is the by-product of the clubs in schools. No matter what clubs the students belong to, the

activities of all of them are aimed to produce good students who excel in leadership and academic performance," he said during the presentation of excellent awards to the 14 SMK Putatan Loyalty Club students in Putatan yesterday morning.

Almain said it is the aspiration of the Sabah Information Department to establish one Loyalty Club in each district, but the objective cannot be achieved fully as there were still some school principals who declined as they already have many such clubs and associations.

He said the department with the cooperation of the Education Department, had already established 24 Loyalty Clubs throughout the State and more and more were being formed in West Malaysia.

"This is the first batch of students from the club who managed to obtain a place in universities as the present criterion for the intake emphasizes on extra curricular activities which form 10 percent," he said.

Almain said the activities and achievements of the Loyalty Clubs go along well with the motto of the Prime Minister, "excellence, glory and distinction".

The excellent awards presentation function was jointly organized by the Loyalty Club of SMK Putatan and the Sabah Information Department. It was attended by the top officials of the Sabah Information Department, including acting Deputy Director Haji Suwadi Haji Guliling, the senior school staff and Loyalty Club members.