



Sabah Foundation scholarship recipients showing their certificates after the ceremony in Kota Kinabalu on Wednesday. Pic by Edmund Samunting

Top SPM students get scholarships

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KOTA KINABALU: The state's top Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) performers received scholarships from the Sabah Foundation to further their studies on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, who is Sabah Foundation Board of Trustees chairman, presented the scholarship awards to 25 recipients.

Nur Azaliah Sahat thanked her parents' involvement in science for sparking her interest in this field.

The 18-year-old, who obtained 11As, said her father taught science technology at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), while her mother worked as a food technology officer at the state Health Department.

Nur Azaliah will start her A levels at Universiti Teknologi Mara next month, before pursuing a degree at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

Syevesther Liew of Kota Belud, the son of a church volunteer and a

housewife and the oldest of four siblings, said he wanted to set an example for the younger ones by pursuing a career either in chemistry or medicine.

"I want to serve and help improve the health and medical services in this state," said Liew, who is taking a foundation course in Science at UMS.

Sabah Foundation director Tan Sri Datu Khalil Datu Jamalul said since 1990, 353 Sabahans had benefited

from this scholarship programme and of that number, 257 had graduated.

He said the foundation would continue to provide opportunities and sponsorship for students to pursue studies in medicine, nursing, biotechnology and shipping, while strengthening educational development through its Kolej Yayasan Sabah (KYS).

Musa expressed hope that KYS would be upgraded to a university.