



The participants at the One Step to University programme.

277 students attend uni talk

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LAHAD DATU: A total of 277 students from different parts of the State took part in the One Step to University Programme at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently. The three-day event was organised by the Welfare Association of the Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) in collaboration with UMS.

The purpose of the event was to increase awareness especially among rural students about educational opportunities in institutes of higher learning.

According to organising chairwoman, Datin Maizatul Akman Alawi, the objective of this programme was to expose Form 4 students to university life.

It is hoped that the experience will inspire them to work hard in their studies.

"The target groups are students who do

not have family members studying at university level and those who have the potential to succeed," she said. More than 6,000 Form 4 students across the country have taken part in the programme since its inception in 2010.

"This programme also gives a bit of a paradigm shift for the participants and motivates them to continue to study hard and then come into university life full of confidence," she added.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister of Transport Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakri who officiated at the closing, hoped that the programme will be an eye opener for participants in identifying study opportunities and facilities provided by the government for them.

He also hoped the programme would continue so that more students, especially from rural areas, can benefit from it.