

60 students complete science foundation course at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: Sixty students completed their science foundation course at Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology (PPST) at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), and four of them were awarded for their outstanding performance in their studies.

Nursakinah Najwah Suhaimi from Tuaran received the coveted Vice Chancellor Award for her outstanding academic performance as well as her skills in communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, data management and professional ethics.

She obtained a cumulative grade average (PNGK) of 4.00.

The youngest among five siblings had studied at SMK Bandaraya Menggatal. She claimed that her favourite subjects were Biology and Inorganic Chemistry. Nursakinah aspires to become a medical doctor.

Aaron Roy Thurairajah from Tamparuli received the Director Award. He also obtained a PNGK of 4.00 and revealed that his favourite



From right, Nursakinah, Aaron, Norashikin, and Syazwani after receiving their awards.

subject was Mathematics. Like Nursakinah, he also aims to become a doctor.

Meanwhile, Dayang Norashikin Rosley and Nur Syazwani Siswaya received awards for the Most Promising Student and Most Dedicated and Outstanding Leadership Skills respectively.

Norashikin from Tawau had studied at SM Sains Lahad Datu. The fifth child among

seven siblings, aspires to become a teacher.

On the other hand, Syazwani who once studied at SMK Perempuan Likas, hopes to become an engineer.

A total of 60 students received their certificates for completing their science foundation course here yesterday.

PPST started offering science foundation course in 2010. The first intake in 2010 was only 33

students, but the enrollment steadily rose to 60 in the next intake.

This year, the number of enrollment marked a drastic increase to 284 students who registered for the 2012/2013 session.

UMS vice-chancellor Professor Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah believed that the addition of science and technology graduates each year would help in achieving the national mission towards becoming a high-income developed country by 2020.

"I urge all student to be determined and be part of the driving force in achieving excellence.

"Students are valuable assets not only to your families, religion and university but more importantly, move the nation towards the global arena."

Harun also called on the students to continue their education in obtaining their bachelor degrees.

Also present was Dr Sazmal Effendi Arshad, director of PPST.