Abdul (right) presents the certificate of participation to a student while Suyansah looks on.

Students attend ICT workshop

kota kinabalu: Sixteen students at Sekolah Integriti Kota Kinabalu (SIKK) participated in the first information communication technology (ICT) oriented motivational workshop jointly organized by the School and Education and Social Development of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the central prison.

Kota Kinabalu central prison director Assistant Commissioner of Prison (ACP) Abdul Halim bin Ma-Hasan hoped such programme would be continued in the future, as the juveniles needed the support and assistance from the public.

Sixteen of the 182 students at SIKK, aged between 17 and 20, took part in the two-day workshop.

Abdul said the programme would be beneficial for the students' future, so that they would not be lagged behind when they were released.

He also expressed his wish that the programme would not just involve SIKK only, but all the 1,928 inmates in prison.

Abdul urged the students to

grab any opportunities to learn and gain knowledge at SIKK.

"Your families still hope for a change in you. Life must go on," he said to the students.

Abdul added that five students of SIKK would sit for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination soon and he hoped the ICT programme would motivate them.

Meanwhile, Dr Suyansah Swanto, deputy dean of academics and student affairs of the School and Education and Social Development, said the workshop was part of the community service programme for the inmates, particularly students at SIKK.

A total of 38 students of the Education Management degree programme of UMS were involved in the workshop.

He said the programme would expose the juveniles to real learning situations so that they could adapt better when they reentered the society.

The programme also enabled the students to keep in touch with the latest development of ICT, Suyansah added.