

Masidi launches Higher Education Carnival

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KOTA KINABALU: State Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun launched the National Higher Education Carnival (KPTN) 2018 Sabah zone, organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Higher Education Ministry.

Masidi, who is also the Minister in charge of education in the State, said he was happy with the carnival because it was a sizeable exhibition with over 100 education booths.

"This will allow visitors and students intending to pursue higher education a greater choice suitable with their goals. I was made to understand that this is the 10th carnival nationwide and will be held in Tawau and Labuan.

"This will enable access for all students to apply for entry to higher education institutions. I wish to express my thanks to Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, his officers and also UMS for the cooperation to bring the exhibition to all students in the State.

"My hope is that through this carnival, students in the state can make the best choice for their future," he said when met after officiating the carnival at 1Borneo, Sunday.

Asked on Parti Anak Negeri's (PAN) plan to contest in Kundasang and Ranau in the coming general election, Masidi said they are free to do so.

"Personally I respect the decision of all parties that wish to contest in Ranau or wherever in the State that they want to. So see you



Masidi visiting exhibitions at the education carnival on Sunday.

on election day."

Asked whether he would be defending his Karanaan state seat, Masidi said he was not sure if he is going to be picked as a candidate.

"You have to pose this question to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak."

Meanwhile, UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin said all students and the public are welcome to visit and get information from various higher learning institutions and government agencies at the carnival.

"For students who have just recently obtained their STPM and SPM results, this is the opportunity to get information from the public and private universities about the programmes of study that match the results they receive.

"Indeed, organising such programmes is

crucial in giving early exposure to high school students and the public on the opportunities offered for higher education in Malaysia as well as those offering sponsorship and financial assistance," he said in his speech read out by UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Dr Ismail Ali.

Kamarudin said UMS itself offered 67 bachelor degree level programmes for STPM, Matriculation, STAM and Diploma students, adding that this year for the first time UMS offers a Diploma programme to SPM-leavers, the Process Engineering Diploma programme (Oil and Gas Operations), to students interested in engineering.

He thus called on students to grab the opportunity to visit UMS as well as other university booths to get the information they need in order to determine their future.