

Raime (centre) with Dr Abdullah, Dr Jahimin, Ridhuan and students during the program.

UMS organises Mathematics camp in Tenom

TENOM: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), in collaboration with the District Education Office, the Malaysian Science and Mathematics Association (Persama) and the Tenom Parliamentary Liaison office organised a three-day Prime Mathematics Camp for secondary schools, here.

Tenom member of parliament Datuk Raime Unggi said the camp was organized with the hope that students could stimulate their interest in Mathematics as well as to dispel their negative perceptions on the subject.

"This is because among the main problems students do not achieve excellence was the lack of confidence and skills to understand the basic concepts in Mathematics.

"With the lack of confidence, students have not taken it

seriously and only pass the subject at PT3, SPM and STPM levels," he said when opening of the Prime Mathematics Camp, "Matematik Pencetus Minda Kritis", held at the Sabah Agricultural Park here on Sunday.

Raime said students who had lower and less satisfactory results in this subject would make it difficult for them to take programs in Science, Engineering, Medical and Accounting courses offered at the university level.

Hence, he said it was not wrong for a university to go to all schools in the state to organize community and academic programs so that students were directly exposed to the reality of student life on campus.

He said such programs were a great contribution to a university, especially UMS, in developing excellent human capital quality in the future.

"This is the desire of the government today to create more human capital by implementing programs that can impact society, especially in education.

"The government welcomes efforts, and programs like this should be increased and the government will always support to ensure that the state is progressing by efforts of its own people," he said.

The three-day camp was attended by 165 students from six secondary schools in the district.

Also present were Deputy Dean of Academic and International (Affairs) UMS Assoc Prof Dr Abdullah Bade, Deputy Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Jahimin Asik, district education officer Mohd Ridhuan Yusof, principals and teachers.