

# UMS increases enrolment of special students in science and technology fields

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The participants of the programme posing for a group photo.

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through the Preparation Centre for Science and Technology (PPST) has taken steps to increase the enrolment of special students in the university in science and technology fields.

Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academics and International, Prof. Dr Rasid Mail said, UMS is committed to supporting the government's initiative in increasing the number of science stream students at secondary school and university levels.

"We need many scientists to move towards developed and evolving countries but we are experiencing extinction of candidates in the field of science studies.

"For that, PPST will play a constant role to ensure that the needs in science, technology and physics can be improved," he said.

He said this when officiating the Launching Ceremony of the STEM Carnival of Science Foundation UMS



Rasid (third right) presenting a prize to one of the winners.

2019 organised by PPST.

The two-day carnival featured many interesting activities such as science exhibitions and science and physics competitions.

Among them are the Young Inventor Competition and Sci-show Young Scientist Competition.

"We aim to attract and give early exposure of these subjects to high school students, particularly in Sabah.

"We are honored to have received 25 entries for Sci-show Young Scientist and

we will work to increase this number in the future," Rasid said.

He also pointed out that quality education in Science as well as soft skills need to be improved.

"I am confident that the PPST will always provide quality education as well as soft skills for prospective students who will continue their studies here," he said.

Also present was Director of PPTS, Associate Prof. Dr. Sazmal Effendi Arshad. —By *Noor Zafira Shafie*