Some rural schools are as good – Arshad

KUCHING: National Education Advisory Council Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad was impressed with some of the standard of schools in Sarawak, especially with schools in rural areas.

"Some schools in Sarawak can be considered as model schools because they are beyond my expectations, especially the ones in rural areas."

"The general assumption would be to think that these schools in rural areas are struggling and that the teachers are not exposed to development, but it is the opposite," he said.

On a visit to schools in the Kuching, Bau, and Lundu districts, he said that several schools in Sarawak have been identified as high performance and cluster schools.

Meanwhile, as Chancellor to UCSI University, he added that UCSI University Sarawak Campus would be building a new campus with emphasis on its hospitality course.

This was revealed during a courtesy call to the Chief Minister Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Adenan Satem by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) pro chancellor Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad at the former’s office at the State Legislative Assembly (DUN) building here yesterday.

The purpose of the courtesy call was to officially invite Adenan to officiate the sixteenth International Organisation for Science and Technology Education (IOSTE) Symposium (IOSTE Borneo 2014), organised by UiTM Sarawak, which will be held at Riverside Majestic Hotel from 21 – 27 September 2014.