

Full house at talks given by industry specialists

KUALA LUMPUR: It was a full house at the “Options After SPM: Making the Right Choice” talk with students and parents sitting on the floor and spilling out from Hall 1 of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, eagerly catching tips on post-Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) options.

Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences guest speaker Jackson Ng Teck Seng kicked off his talk with a difference by dancing to Michael Jackson’s *Billie Jean*.

After an entertaining impersonation of the King of Pop, he pointed out that the performance was to help students realise that copying or impersonating someone else would not allow them to be the best version of themselves.

“Everyone has different talents, abilities and no one will become another person.

“You will not be the real you if you copy friends and follow parents’ expectations when choosing a degree and university,” he said.

Ng noted that identifying one’s talent and ability was a key step to determining a suitable degree or institution.

“Everyone is a genius in their own way.

“You need to discover your talents to avoid choosing the wrong profession many years down the line,” he said.

At the “Career in Medicine” talk, Prof Parasakthi Navaratnam, who is a professor of medical microbiology from Monash University, said medical students have a lot of options.

They can decide to do clinical or non-clinical work, she said.

“You can practise general medicine or choose to specialise.

“Those who want to do non-clinical work can opt to work in a laboratory or even teach medicine to other students,” said Prof Parasakthi.

During his talk on “Science and Entrepreneurship: A True Story”, UCSI University Assoc Prof Dr Bimo Ario Tejo said: “Entrepreneurship is about persistence. It is how you develop your idea from zero into something.”

Dr Bimo said entrepreneurship is a field every student should consider taking up.

“It is something new and revolutionary but future trends show that we are moving towards becoming a more entrepreneurial society,” he added.