

The next step for SPM, STPM holders

SOME 500,000 students have received, or are expecting to receive, their SPM, STPM, O & A Level examination results this month. They will then have to decide on their college or university education. Working adults too can consider enhancing their career prospects by taking up relevant postgraduate programmes.

Thus, the Facon Education Fair incorporating Postgraduate is well-timed to provide a platform for Malaysians to meet with not only globally recognised, but also award-winning institutions of higher learning, from Malaysia and overseas.

Occupying 300 booths, with some 600 participating institutions of higher learning at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, the fair will kick off the largest road show on March 13. It will then move on to 11 more towns and cities in the Peninsula and East Malaysia. See table for Peninsula venues and below, for East Malaysia venues:

- » Grand Palace Hotel in Miri on March 12;
- » Riverside Majestic Hotel in Kuching on March 13;
- » RH Hotel in Sibul on March 14
- » Sandakan Hotel Sandakan on March 19;
- » The Pacific Sutera, Sutera Harbour Resort in Kota Kinabalu on March 20;
- » MB Hotel in Tawau March 21.

More than 100,000 visitors are expected to throng the education fairs. Visitors will mainly consist of students, school leavers, young working adult, parents and teachers.

Since its inception in 1990, this prestigious event has been attended by more than a million visitors underlining its popularity and public recognition for its success and contribution to the education industry.

Those who are interested to complete their higher education locally will not be disappointed as all major local institutions of higher learning will be at the fair. These include APIIT/UCTI, Berjaya University College of Hospitality,

Brickfields Asia College, HELP University College, INTI International University, International Medical University, KTAR, Nilai University College, SEGi University College, Sunway University College, Taylors University College, UCSI University, UNITAR and UTAR.

Visitors to the Kuala Lumpur and Johor Baru venues will get to meet Singapore renowned institutions. These includes the Baking Industry Training Centre (BITC), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) and others, making it the most comprehensive show to gather information on further education.

These participating institutions offer numerous courses ranging from design to IT, business, law, medicine, mass communications, engineering, sciences, accounting, finance and fashion. Visitors will have access to thousands of programmes.

"The objective in organising this longest road show in Malaysia is to help disseminate information on higher education opportunities to as wide a population as possible," said the organising chairman, Tan Sri Dr Yahaya Ibrahim.

"The timing is great as it will be held around the release of the examination results. We believe the information gath-

ered by the school leavers will help them make a better choice," added Yahaya.

Parents should come to the fair with their children and have a more in-depth understanding of the programmes their children wish to pursue. Visitors are encouraged to apply for the scholarships and study loans that are being offered by some of the institutions at the Fair.

The Johor event will have more than 120 booths, making it an even bigger event than the last year's show, which was already the largest education fair in the southern region of Malaysia.

Students are advised to bring along their result slips and relevant documents for a more accurate assessment when meeting the counsellors and representatives of the institutions.

Academic presentations

At the KL and Johor venues, visitors are invited to attend a series of presentations to have a better understanding of the programmes, institutions and its facilities. Admission is free and seats are limited.

The opening hours are from 12 noon to 6pm for peninsula events and 12 noon to 4pm for the East Malaysian events.

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