

Fatimah officiates at 'College Queen 2016'

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KUCHING: It takes more than physical appearance to make a "Woman of Substance" as other qualities such as intelligence, dignity, humbleness, and friendliness are also just as important.

Minister of Welfare, Women, and Family Development, Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah pointed this out when officiating at the Swinburne Sarawak Fashion Club's "College Queen 2016" at the university's multi-purpose hall here on Friday night.

"She is also someone with a sense of purpose. She is someone who wants to not only improve herself, but also her family and community through education; both informal and formal," said the Minister.

Fatimah also congratulated the committee for organising the event; commending their abilities to juggle both studies and being part of the organising committee.

"Being a university student is already demanding enough, with lectures to attend, assignments and examinations but to be able to organise an event like this just shows their level of commitment.

"Once you graduate and leave university, you might forget what you've learned in class but there are some things which you won't forget, such as these skills that you acquire from organising events like this.



"Organising an event like this is not a waste of time as it helps to build up skills like teamwork and being able to get things done," she said.

The event featured 14 contestants from three universities which collaborated in organising the event, namely, Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), and UCSI University Sarawak.

The participants also came from various countries.

The contestants were Aniq Shams (UCSI, Bangladesh), Nisha Shams (UNIMAS, Malaysia), Nor Warda (UCSI, Singapore),

Nuna Tlimissova (Swinburne, Kazakhstan), Kau Khoo Yen (UCSI, Malaysia), Careen Kumar (Swinburne, Malaysia), Celine Then (Swinburne, Malaysia), Dilzoda Saidora (UCSI, Uzbekistan), Leila Kaskulakova (Swinburne, Kazakhstan), Jeniffer Jeffrey (UCSI, Malaysia), Joan Law (UCSI, Malaysia), Aysha Al-Hashmy (Swinburne, Oman), Wasana Wickramaratne (Swinburne, Sri Lanka), and Linda Jong (UCSI, Malaysia).

The event was the first of its kind in Kuching, with the aim of fostering good ties, communications, and teamwork from all participating universities.