The Ministry of Education held the annual 'Program Jom Masuk IPT' simultaneously this year at two places - Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Penang for the northern zone and Oceanus Waterfront Mall in Kota Kinabalu for the Sabah zone.
It was held on March 10 and 11, 2019 which gave ample time for school leavers to get the latest information on tertiary education.

Results of Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) are out on March 11 while results of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) are released on March 14, 2019.

The programme was also opened to those with diploma and of equivalent qualifications, their families, teachers and members of the public to obtain more details on education and opportunities available in order to pursue their studies at a higher level.

Among the information they could obtain were about accreditation and sponsorships for those with SPM, STPM or about foundation, diploma and first degree programmes in public or private universities as well as certificate and diploma programme offered by public institutes of skills training (ILKA).

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was one of the universities that took part in the programme.

According to its Marketing and Student Admission Division (MID) Manager, Helmi Mohamed Isa, UMP offered 29 bachelor's degree programmes and five diploma programmes.

He said Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering (FKEE) and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing (FKMP) were located in Pekan while other faculties were based in Gambang.

“The programme highlights information about the many institutes of higher learning available nationwide for the intake of 2019/2020. It is a platform that facilitates the public about academic programmes offered by the institutes including 20 of the public universities, polytechnics, community colleges, ILKA and private institutes of higher learning.

“The ‘Program Jom Masuk IPT’ will also be held at AEON Mall, Kota Bharu in Kelantan on March 16 and 17 (eastern zone), Mydin Mall, Petra Jaya in Kuching on March 23 and 24 (Sarawak zone) and MAEPS in Serdang on March 30 and 31 (middle zone),” he said.

MID Senior Executive, Rosilavi Mat Jusoh said they would also go to schools and matriculation colleges for a career fair road tour to provide information about programmes and the qualifications required of the programmes.

“UMP also offers quality and accredited engineering and technology-based programmes as well as international programmes such as dual-degree programmes in mechatronic engineering and automotive engineering.

“The programme is a collaboration between UMP and Hochsule Karlsruhe Und Wirtschaft (HsKA) from Germany.

“Another dual-degree programme offered is in business engineering, another collaboration between UMP and Reutlingen University (HsR), Germany,” he said.

UMP has been the choice of many school leavers and working adults to pursue their studies at the level of diploma, bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and doctorate degree.

In fact, its UMP Advanced Education also provides the opportunity for the public to take up professional courses as well as life-long learning programme.
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