

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION AWARENESS PROGRAM

REPORT

The Science, Technology and Innovation Awareness Program – A Collaborative Project with Malaysian Innovation Foundation (MIF) was held in Kuala Pegang Secondary School, Kedah Darul Aman from 8 to 9 February 2009 and was opened from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm. The program had attracted around 1000 visitors which consisted of six schools, Parent-Teacher Association and residents of Kuala Pegang. Agencies under MOSTI that participated in the program were Malaysian Meteorological Department (MMD), National Space Agency, National Science Centre and MIMOS.

Objectives of the program were to give exposure to secondary school students about science and technology development as well as to impart interests towards innovative activities that drive thinking into research and design. Besides that, the program acted as a hub to increase knowledge particularly in science fields and to boost awareness among students and local communities on innovation which focusing on production. It was hoped that from this program, it would ignite motivation among students on the importance to excel in academic studies. Some of the activities carried out during the program were science exhibitions by the agencies under MOSTI, motivational and innovational speech by MOSTI's Commercial and Innovation Officer, Dr. Marziah binti Mokhtar and Angkasawan Negara, Mejar Dr. Faiz bin Khaleed.

Overall, this program received encouraging feedbacks and fulfilled its objectives. The fondness towards science in students were shown through their active participation in all activities they took part. The parents and teachers also gave full supports towards the whole program. As a suggestion, this program should be continued especially to rural schools to give more exposure on state-of-the-art development in science, technology and innovation. This platform can also be used to increase inclination and interest towards building careers in this field. (*Please refer Attachment A for photos throughout the program*).



Students were listening to briefing by the meteorological officer.



Students did not mind to make a long queue just to get a full view of the brand new Mobile Meteorological Office of MMD.



Students had the opportunity to view the applications of latest science and technology equipments used by MMD to monitor weather and seismic activities.



Visitors interacting with MMD officer about tsunami buoy.



Students make full use of the opportunity interacting with Angkasawan Negara, Major Dr. Faiz Khaleed whom also delivered speech during the program.



Students seeking information from meteorological officers on their experiences working in the related field.