

Eye-opening trip for pre-U students

KUCHING: A field trip to the Kuching Court Complex and the Sarawak Legislative Assembly Complex in Petra Jaya was an valuable experience for some 100 pre-university students.

Smartly-attired Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus, business foundation students recently converged at the two landmarks to learn about legal proceedings and law-making.

The students were given a tour of the court complex, including a visit to its library and police detention centre.

The Assistant Registrar of Subordinate Courts, Abdul Razak Isnawi, briefed them on the electronic court management system and court operations.

During the tour of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly, they were informed of its history and functions by Sophia Michael Jenang and Nur Eliana Abdullah, the deputy administrative officer and administrative assistant, respectively.

The visit proved to be a valuable one for the students.

"The trip was an eye-opener and reinforced what

we have learned in the class. It also bonded us for a better learning outcome in class," said Darren Lim in a press release.

For fellow student Alicia Voon, it was an experience to be in court.

"I'm so glad I had the chance. It was a great opportunity for me to be in the courtroom, which amazed me and really widened my view."

Voon said it was an exciting and unforgettable experience, and hoped similar trips will be held in the future.

"The aim of the trip was to solidify the abstract concepts of law-making through parliament and the role of the courts, which are part of their law syllabus," said law lecturer James Loi of the university's Business and Design Faculty.

"By allowing the students to witness first-hand the proceedings at a real courthouse and the state assembly, it adds a different dimension to their learning," said Loi, who is programme coordinator.

Loi had accompanied the students during the visit with fellow teaching staff Derrick Moh.



Some of the students at the State Assembly Complex.