

Unimas' graduate colloquium, language carnival a success

KUCHING: The Centre for Language Studies (CLS) of University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) has successfully organised its first ever Graduate Colloquium and Language Carnival.

The event was held from Nov 21 to 22, said a press statement issued by Unimas yesterday.

The event, which managed to attract a large crowd, was part of the Unimas' 20th anniversary celebration.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abul Hamid officiated at the event.

Among those present were CLS dean Dr Norazuna Norahim, CLS staff, deans, deputy deans and representatives from various faculties as well as students.

It was a double celebration for CLS as its first journal publication, 'Issues in Language Studies' and its Academic Guidebook were officially



PATRONISING STALL: Khairuddin (second left) at one of the stalls after the launching.

launched on the same day.

A series of activities were carried out successfully by participants both from Unimas and the general public.

Exhibition booths showcasing CLS' language courses became the main attraction for visitors as language quizzes and games

allowed them to go home with new knowledge and prizes.

In addition, there were also traditional games, 'khat' and calligraphy workshops as well as video presentations of past student performances.

Meanwhile, CLS postgraduate students presented their research

at the language colloquium at Level 3.

The Best Presenter award was won by Oshodi Boluwaji, who presented on "Morphological Variability among Second Language Learners: Investigating the Failed Functional Feature Hypothesis and the Missing Surface Inflection Hypothesis".

Exhibitors who took part in the event included established names such as the Sarawak British Council, Edition 99 Sdn Bhd, OurYouth.my and Sarawak Bloggers Association.

In addition, the attendance of representatives from Sarawak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) and radio cross-overs by Red FM brought more colours to the event.

Event-goers were also seen to queue for free drink samples by Indocafe in the morning.