

CHEMISTRY INSTITUTE TO CONDUCT COURSE FOR LMIC EXAM

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KUCHING: Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM) Sarawak branch will conduct a preparatory course for IKM Part 1 Examination at Ultimate Professional Centre (UPC) here in May.

According to its chairman Dr Alvin Chai, the course aims to prepare candidates to sit for the Licentiate Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (LMIC) examination (Part 1) this year.

“The course, which will be held every Saturday, comprises four modules with a total of 80 hours of lectures. The modules are Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, and Analytical Chemistry,” he said in a statement yesterday.

Chai pointed out that all laboratory technicians with a minimum of STPM or HSC qualification and non-chemistry graduates who wish to become IKM registered chemists are eligible to attend this course.

Individuals working in chemical laboratories who wish to refresh their knowledge in chemistry are also welcome to attend.

The last course IKM Sarawak held had 11 candidates from Sarawak passing the LMIC examination last year.

Lecturers who conducted the course were Prof Dr Pang Suh Cem, Assoc Prof Dr Zainab Ngaini, Assoc Prof Dr Sim Siong Fong, and assisted by Dr Tay Meng from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak’s Department of Chemistry.

Chai said IKM Sarawak recently awarded the 11 candidates with their certificates in a brief ceremony held prior to IKM 30th Annual General Meeting.

He added that the examination covered the main areas of physical chemistry, analytical chemistry, organic chemistry and inorganic chemistry. A practical examination was also held to test candidates on their laboratory skills.

Chai said: “We had 12 candidates from Sarawak who sat for LMIC and one candidate was given a conditional pass. With this achievement, they can apply to IKM for LMIC membership and become IKM registered chemists.

“Under the Chemist Act 1975, all IKM registered chemists are authorised to sign chemical testing reports.”

IKM is a professional statutory organisation incorporated under the Chemists Act 1975 under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

Under the Act, IKM is entrusted with regulating the practice of chemistry in Malaysia, representing the profession of chemistry in Malaysia, and promoting advancement and public awareness and appreciation of chemistry in Malaysia