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KUCHING: Some 150 final year Resource Chemistry students and lecturers from University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) and Swinburne University of Technology attended a talk by Malaysia Institute of Chemistry (IKM) on May 11 at Unimas.

IKM Sarawak chairman Dr. Alvin Chai Lian Kuet explained the Chemist Act 1975 and its latest amendment approved by Parliament and the roles and functions of IKM.

The talk also intended to prepare potential chemists for their career ahead so that they would have a better understanding of the requirements of a professional chemist.

According to Dr. Chai, IKM was registered under the Societies Act 1966 as a professional body. It was later incorporated under

the Chemist Act 1975 under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti).

According to the Act, only a registered chemist with IKM is allowed to certify chemical test reports.

The membership of IKM is open to graduates over the age of 21 with a recognised degree in chemistry and relevant practical experience in chemical laboratory.

In addition, those who have passed the Licentiate examination conducted by IKM with relevant practical experience in chemical laboratory are also eligible to join.

The three categories of membership offered are Fellow (FMIC), Member (MMIC) and Licentiate (LMIC) depending on their (graduates) qualifications

and working experience.

Dr Chai also shared the educational activities and workshops organised by IKM which includes meetings, symposia and exhibitions organised at national and international levels.

IKM also conducts trainings, examinations and events for both members and the public. These include advance chemical research and development, IKM Part 1 and 2 examinations, publications, education, technical visits, and study tours.

He informed participants that IKM is a professional scientific institution recognised by universities and research institutions, government agencies and ministries and also the corporate sector in Malaysia.