

Unimas' CLS holds second Postgraduate Colloquium and Language Carnival

KOTA SAMARAHAN: The Centre for Language Studies (CLS), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) successfully held its second Postgraduate Colloquium and Language Carnival on 24-25 September, 2013.

The two-day event, which carried the theme "Colours of Languages", managed to attract a huge crowd which consisted of university and school students and also the public.

The Dean of CLS, Dr. Norazuna Norahim, officiated at the opening ceremony. In attendance was CLS staff, Deputy Deans, delegates from Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN), representatives from other faculties and students.

Various activities were carried out during the exciting two-day event.

Participants from Unimas and the general public set up their booths which offered a variety of activities for the students and visitors.

One of the main attractions was the language booths exhibition (English, Malay, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic and French) which offered language and cultural games for the visitors.

A few language workshops were also conducted at the CLS tutorial rooms for students.

One of the highlights was the Japanese Culture Demonstration Workshop which left huge smiles on the faces of the schoolchildren.

Meanwhile, the postgraduate students presented their research at the language colloquium at Level 3.

The Best Presenter award was won by two postgraduate students from UNTAN; Mutayam talked about "Teachers' Constraints of Teaching at Elementary Schools in Pontianak" while Dr. Sudarsono touched on the "Plausible Influence of Sinitic Languages of Bakatik Dayak Language".

The award was also won by CLS postgraduate students; Alpha Bodian presented a paper on "Motivational Factors in Learning French as a Foreign Language in Malaysia" while Puah Yann Yann talked about "Gender Differences in Language Attitudes Among Hokkien Speakers".

Exhibitors who took part in the event included established names such as OurYouth.my, Edition 99 Sdn. Bhd. and Public Mutual.

Other vendors which added colours to this event included Ding Tea, Fit2Shape, Premiere Marine & Scuba Centre, Each A Cup, Burger Orang Miri and also Relong Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.

Event-goers enjoyed the language carnival and the food and beverages sold.

The success of the second CLS Postgraduate Colloquium and Language Carnival signifies that CLS is indeed one of the centres of excellence in both research and academics in Unimas.