

MODE 2 CONCEPTS HELPED IMPROVE RESULTS: MINISTER

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Sandakan: The Form Six Mode 2 Concept, introduced since 2014, had helped in improving STPM results, said Deputy Education Minister 1 Dato' P. Kamalanathan P. Panchanathan, here, Wednesday.

The concept, he said, had helped students in SMK Datuk Pengiran Galpam's Pre-U Centre to achieve 92 per cent pass rate with School Average Grade of 2.16.

"These students come from five different schools and this school brought them together here.

They are given experiences similar to college where school uniforms are exempted just like university students," he said after visiting the school here.

Also present were Sandakan Education Office Officer Sharif Mahada Sharif Attar and his officers.

The visit was held to review the results of last year's STPM exam and to assess the feelings of STPM candidates.

Form Six students from SM St. Mary, SMJK Tiong Hua, SM Sung Siew, SMK Sandakan and SMK Datuk Pengiran Galpam attended the Pre-U Centre, while other secondary schools with Mode 1 are SMK Elopura, SMK Sandakan II, SMK Elopura 2, SMK Batu Sapi, SMK Muhibbah and SMK Segaliud.

Form Six centres in the country are divided into three modes; Mode 1 refers to schools with at least 12 classes of Form Six students only and the students are taught specifically by Form Six teachers who are appointed by the Ministry of Education.

Mode 2 refers to schools with at least 12 classes of Form Six operating as part of the mainstream schools having their own block of classes or buildings. These centres are under the administration of the mainstream Principal and the Form Six Administrative Assistant.

Mode 3 refers to schools with less than 12 classes or are located in the rural area, with no hostel facilities of public transportation and operate within the mainstream schools.

"Currently, we cannot make comparison with previous years because these were the first batch of Mode 2 students," he said.

He also congratulated all STPM candidates who passed the exam. In Sandakan, 236 out of 252 obtained a full pass in the exam.

Two students, Leong Mei Ting who obtained 3.83 and Lee Vun Hu who scored 3.67, were named the best students in the school.

Both were ecstatic with the results and hoped to further their studies in university. Leong said she hoped to study engineering in Universiti Sains Malaysia, while Lee wished to pursue marketing degree in Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.