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KUCHING: A total of 1,266 students from 45 schools in Kuching and Samarahan divisions attended the 'Jom Love STPM' programme held at Tun Abdul Razak Teachers Training Campus, Kota Samarahan here, recently.

It was organised by the Malaysian Examination Council (MPM) in collaboration with Sarawak Education Department, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), University Putra Malaysia, Bintulu Campus and University Teknologi MARA, Sarawak.

The programme aimed at encouraging students to enter Form 6 and sit for the Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) examinations, as it was a cheaper alternative for them to enroll for bachelor degree courses in institutions of higher learning.

The programme coordinating officer Mohd Fauzi Mohammad

Saif told the students that STPM is also of similar standard as the A-Level, and is recognised domestically and internationally.

It was hoped that the changes made to the STPM examinations would attract more SPM school leavers to make Form 6 an option in their quest to be accepted into universities.

The 'Jom Love STPM' programme was also in line with the direction of the Education Ministry to narrow the education gap between urban and rural areas as outlined in the Malaysia Education Development Plan (PPPM).

Form six colleges have also been established where students wear different school uniforms.

In Sarawak, one such college has been set up in Saratok which is also a 'foster school' for Unimas.