

Learn to converse in other languages too, says Asfia



A section of the freshies present at the event.

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KUCHING: A parliamentary-style debate competition was held in conjunction with Unimas' Freshies Week at the university in Kota Samarahan last Friday night.

The competition was divided into two categories namely Bahasa Malaysia and English.

Apart from debate, other activities held during the Freshies Week were pelno conference and public-speaking.

Five colleges in the university took part in the competition namely Kolej Cempaka, Kolej Bunga Raya, Kolej Allamanda,

Kolej Sakura and Kolej Tun Ahmad Zaidi.

The final between Kolej Cempaka and Kolej Bunga Raya was officiated by Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, Datuk Amar Haji Mohammad Asfia bin Awang Nassar.

The competition was based on the format of the Malaysian Universities Debate Council.

In his speech, Asfia told the students of the need to have the ability to converse in various languages.

"As you trade with the world, the world will trade with you. In order to achieve this, one needs to have the ability to converse not

only in one's own language but also in other languages as our country is trading throughout the world," he said.

Asfia also explained the techniques used when conducting a debate because a debate is a well organised and structured argument with the use of 'voice projection' to emphasize the points presented.

Through the competition the students were exposed to a different kind of debate which is unlike when they were in schools.

It also required the students to have a creative and critical thinking in line with their knowledge on current issues.

MEMBERS of the Kolej Bunga Raya debate team receiving the champion's trophy from Datuk Amar Asfia (3rd right).