

No end to learning for talented textile designer

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KUCHING - For 24-year-old Ms Khor Ai Boey, her learning process has just begun although she has completed a four-year textile designing course at the University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

With her convocation scheduled in June, Ms Khor who is among the pioneer students of the faculty of Applied and Creative Art, wants to master the fine points of textile designing before venturing into the work market.

Met at the Cipta '98 exhibition which was staged by UNIMAS' Applied and Creative Art students here recently, Ms Khor said she was keen to take part in more exhibitions either locally or overseas to gain more exposure.

At the exhibition which was held for the first time, Ms Khor had the opportunity to exhibit some of her creative designs.

"It was really exciting especially when we get to explain our work to the public."

With only a mild interest in designing when she entered university, Ms Khor



TALENTED DESIGNER ... Ms Khor showing two of her designs which she exhibited at the Cipta exhibition recently.

eventually became obsessed with the subject. She was thankful to her lecturers Puan June Ngo, Cik Mazlina, Cik Norhayati and Cik Shazlina for motivating and encouraging her on.

"They taught and guide me to explore my creativity," said Ms Khor whose works were influenced by the ethnic motifs and cultures around her.

For the Cipta exhibition,

Ms Khor also included Egyptian symbols and abstract design in her works.

Ms Khor pointed out that she would always research into her intended subject "to get the feel of it" before expressing her feelings on paper.

The fourth child in a family of six, Ms Khor intended to look for work in West Malaysia. She revealed that she had the blessing and support

of her parents and family to go full time into textile designing.

Even though she also took up a fashion designing course, Ms Khor preferred textile designing because "it is more lucrative and attractive to me."

Her hobbies are reading, dancing and fishing.

She also likes listening to music and collecting photographs.