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SABAH'S TOP SPM STUDENTS AWARDED ABCNS SCHOLARSHIPS

KOTA KINABALU : Forty high-achieving Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2019 students have been awarded scholarships during the 31st Sabah State Scholarship Award of Excellence ceremony (ABCNS) held on 8 September 2020 at Tun Ahmad Raffae Auditorium, Menara Tun Mustapha.

In his speech, the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Haji Mohd. Zakaria said, "ABCNS is recognition to students with excellent results in their SPM examination. Since the State Government entrusted this prestigious award to Yayasan Sabah Group in 1990, a total of 593 students have enjoyed this education sponsorship with an expenditure of RM102.2 million. Out of that, a total of 414 students completed their Bachelor's Degree, 39 of them earning First Class degrees in their respective fields."

Datuk Haji Jamalul further reiterated, "This indicates almost 10 per cent of these excellent students managed to maintain their excellence when studying at a higher level. Therefore, I call on all the new scholarship recipients to make this award a driving factor in continuing to excel and to ensure that First Class degree belongs to you."

The ABCNS awards were presented by the Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Yayasan Sabah Board of Trustees, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal and attended by various heads of departments.

"Based on Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal concerns, starting from 2018, the number of recipients increased from 25 to 40 people annually. This increment

signifies how Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie seriously cares about the aspects of Sabah's educational development," he added.

Datuk Haji Jamalul further said, "Yayasan Sabah Group believes that what students need are not only academic skills but rather life skills that enable them to improve their financial prospects and well-being. These include skills in finance and entrepreneurship, management and problem-solving skills."

"Through this combination of skills, students can develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to succeed and grow when they leave school whether they go to college, university or remain in their community," he added.

Datuk Haji Jamalul also takes great delight when most of the past ABCNS recipients are now serving in various important positions, "We are proud to see the Yayasan Sabah Group's sponsored students who have completed their studies are now serving in various professions. Indeed we need to have more human capital who dares to think outside the box and able to compete on the global stage."

"I believe success is not easy to achieve but rather obtained through perseverance. Use this opportunity to the best of your ability. You are the chosen ones among thousands of excellent students in this state. Pursue your dreams, and prove your success to your parents, communities and teachers," he said.

PIX 1: *Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie with the ABCNS 2020 recipients.*

PIX 2: *Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie hands out ABCNS certificate to one of the recipients, Nurhan Nufa'il bin Azman. Also In the picture are Datuk Haji Jamalul (2nd left) and Datuk Dr. Yusof Bin Haji Yacob (2nd right).*

PIX 3: *Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie congratulates ABCNS 2020 recipients with Datuk Haji Jamalul (left).*

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