

Star Education Fair opens doors

First-time visitors explore plentiful study options, loans and scholarships

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KUALA LUMPUR: The array of study options available at the Star Education Fair 2025 drew thousands of visitors to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) on its opening day.

Zara Nadine Kaushal, 14, arrived as early as 11am yesterday with her parents Muhammad Kiran Amar Nath, 48, and Norsiat Shamsuddin, 47.

Zara, who will be starting Form Two this year, said she wanted to get a head start in exploring the various tertiary study options offered by local and foreign institutions at the fair.

"I'm interested in the sciences, as I want to be a psychologist in the future. It's important to speak to education representatives in person before making a decision," said Zara, who was attending the fair for the first time.

Organised by Star Media Group, the two-day fair, which is the first of three this year, offers local and



Meet and greet: Visitors at the fair, getting to browse some of the 100 booths offering exclusive education packages. — Low Boon Tat/The Star

international study options, as well as different types of loans and scholarships.

The fair, which ends today, features a total of 70 institutions and two automobile brands offering exclusive student packages across 100 booths.

This year, education agency SI-Global is joining the fair to provide students and parents with information on study options at

highly ranked institutions abroad.

Among the main exhibitors are Aberystwyth University, Bangor University, University of Bath, Birmingham City University, CATS Global Schools, City University London, University of Central Lancashire, University of Edinburgh, University of Essex, University of Exeter, University of Huddersfield, University of Kent, Loughborough University,

University of Nottingham, Oxford Brookes University, University of Plymouth, University of Surrey, St George's University of London, University College London, University of Warwick, University of York, University of Alberta, Lincoln University College, Ireland Education Office, Study Group, Shorelight, INTO, Medic Ed Consultant Sdn Bhd and Cambridge English For Life.

Visitors can also expect exhibitors from local institutions, such as University of Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), Universiti Sains Malaysia, Manipal University College, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Institut Jantung Negara College and KO Beauty Academy, which offers Malaysian skills-certified programmes.

UniKL, which occupies four superior booths, offers more than 139 programmes, ranging from foundation studies to postgraduate levels, in areas such as medi-

cal sciences, aviation and aircraft maintenance technology, as well as marine engineering.

There are several new exhibitors, namely, University of Tsukuba (Japan); Netherlands Maritime Institute of Technology, Ozford Institute of Higher Education (Australia); International Management Institute Switzerland, Career Start Baden-Wurttemberg (Germany), Alka Business Singapore, Universiti Utara Malaysia, International Islamic University Malaysia Graduate School of Management, Concord College International School, PrepWorks, Nucleus Chiropractic, Admal Aviation College, Proton, Mydin and Chery.

The fair is open from 11am to 7pm and has free admission, with door gifts available for early arrivals. Participants also stand a chance to win an Apple iPad Air, a Nintendo Switch, a Redmi Watch 4, or a pair of Redmi Buds 6 during the Register & Win sessions.