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## Mara scholarship application from Sabah not encouraging

**KOTA KINABALU:** Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) leavers in Sabah are encouraged to take opportunity of RM2 billion government allocation for Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara) education scholarship programme.

Mara chairperson Datuk Azizah Dun said application from Sabah is currently not encouraging despite the various programmes offered in institutions under Mara, including those with scholarship benefits.

"I really hope students will take this opportunity because the allocation of RM2 billion is huge. We want more Sabahans, especially those under B40 group to find out more about programmes offered according to their interests.

"Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), a technical university under Mara is one of the best we have in the market and the work placements are also high.

"I hope the Mara Education



**Azizah holding a Mara Young Talent Development Programme pamphlet.**

Fair is not only doing the roadshow in the city centre, but also going to the rural areas, so that our young people in the interior will have the same opportunity," she said.

Azizah said this on Saturday after launching Mara Education

Fair at Palm Square, Centre Point.

The two-day education fair is on June 18-19.

Azizah also said Mara will be going to Pitas and Kota Marudu to create more awareness on the benefits offered to students under

B40 group.

"Mara received many applications, but our priority is students from B40 group because we believe education is the only way for the poor to escape poverty.

"Parents do not worry about the expenses because Mara will help with various scholarship and loan programmes," she added.

Mara Young Talent Development Programme (YTP) booth is also available at the education fair, where the officers in charge will be assisting students with excellent results to apply for overseas and local programmes.

"SPM leavers with seven As and above are qualified to apply for overseas programme sponsored by Mara, while those with six As below can apply for local programmes," she added.

During the event, Azizah also handed over education cash aid to needy students from all over the state.