

Thumbs-up all the way



KOLEJ Islam Sultan Alam Shah in Klang produced the best Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) results for six consecutive years and has been named as the top school in the country.

Malaysian Examinations Council (MEC) chairman Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin said it was the first time a school was being given such recognition.

"The school received RM1,000, a certificate and plaque," he said when announcing the results of the STPM analysis and presenting awards to the nation's top scorers on Wednesday.

Former principal Abdullah Jusoh who retired two months ago, said he was proud of what Kolej Islam Sultan Alam Shah had achieved.

The percentage of students who scored a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) was slightly higher under the new modular format introduced in the 2013 STPM examination.

Of the 55,214 students who completed the exam last year, 492 (0.89%) candidates scored

a CGPA of 4.0, compared to 442 (0.86%) in 2012.

While the students are allowed to take up to five subjects for STPM, the CGPA points are calculated based on the best scores received in four subjects including General Studies.

Prof Mohd Noh said the results in 2012 and 2013 were not comparable as the formats differed.

STPM has undergone a change in format from the terminal system which was based on one final exam to the modular system which assessed students continuously over the three terms in Sixth Form.

Students, who entered Lower Sixth in 2012, sat for the first-term exam in November 2012, followed by the second-term exam in May 2013, and the final in November the same year.

They were then allowed to resit their papers in every consecutive term exam. The last batch of students just finished resitting their papers for their third term exam on Tuesday.

On the other hand, students had to complete field work or Science projects which carried a weightage of 20% to 40%.

Students, he added, were allowed to sit for the same paper up to six times in order to improve their scores.

He added that 50% of the candidates repeated their papers.

"Students who have just resat their papers for their third-term exam will be able to receive their results by the end of April. They can then update their results in their university application thereafter," said

Prof Dr Mohd Noh, who is also Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia vice-chancellor.

Meanwhile, the percentage of candidates who were able to obtain Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) certificates fell from 91.2% in 2012 to 85.5% in 2013.



1 Smart gals all in a row: SMK Convent Green Lane students posing with their SPM result slips.

2 Parents' pride: R. K. Mamta Sanghva, 18, from SMK Sultan Alauddin in Masjid Tanah, Malacca, getting a peck on her cheek from her mother as her father happily looks on after passing her SPM with flying colours.

3 Let's focus: Fatin Nabila Sapri taking a 'selfie' with her friends after collecting their SPM results from SMK Tun Fatimah in Johor Baru, Johor. - Bernama

4 Ace students: Top students from SM King George V, Seremban, (from left) G. Jegadeshwaran, Yoong Kah Mun, Lee Ching Ching and S. Arveen posing for the cameras. They obtained all A+ in the SPM.

5 Star students: The top SPM scorers from different schools in the Kuching Division posing for a group photograph.

6 That's my girl: SMK Sultan Abdul Samad, Petaling Jaya student Madelene Yap Yuen Lin obtained a CGPA of 4.0 in the STPM. She is the school's top scorer. The avid movie fan seen here with her mother Rowena Teh Beng Ching (right), is hoping to study law.

7 Superb: Gymnast and SMK Kota Kemuning SPM top student Low Mei Chen doing the split as she shows off her results.