

Karnival Kimia Malaysia (K₂M) 2019, Zon Sarawak

Karnival Kimia Malaysia (K₂M 2019), Zon Sarawak, was successfully held in SMK Marudi on 21 August, benefited 300 teachers and students from six schools in Marudi and outside Marudi. The participating schools were SMK Marudi, SMK Telang Usan, SMK Long Lama, SMK Bakong, SMK Tinjar and SMK Tutoh Apoh. Four of the outlying schools were located 75 - 150 km away from Marudi. The students were drove into the town by dedicated teachers, some going through challenging logging roads, to attend the event. On 20 Aug, 60 travelling teachers and students arrived at SMK Marudi, preparing to attend K₂M on 21 Aug with other students residing in Marudi. They were housed at the Seminar Room of SMK Marudi.



Journey to Marudi from SMK Tutoh Apoh



IKM team arrived in Marudi on twin otter



Travelling students staying at SMK Marudi

Ever since the inception of K₂M way back in 2011, the theme of this biennial event has always focused on 'Chemistry – Our Life, Our Future' with the main objective to reach out to school students, instilling their interest in Chemistry. This year, the event was jointly organised by Rotary Club of Kuching, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak, Jabatan Kimia Malaysia (Cawangan Kuching) and Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad. Khong Guan has also supported the event with a sponsorship of 2,400 packs of biscuits. K₂M 2019 was officiated by YB Assistant Minister of Local Government, Datu Dr. Penguang Manggil. In conjunction with the event, 24 outstanding needy students received IKM Sarawak Branch Bursary from Dr John Chan, Chairman of IKM Sarawak.

Participating students were screened for vision impairment and a total of 84 prescription spectacles were given to student who needed them.



Group photo



Opening ceremony



Recipients of IKM Sarawak Branch Bursary



Eye screening

During the carnival, students attended interactive talks on health, environment and household chemistry. They were also exposed to hands-on experiments facilitated by Graduate Students where fun, excitement and surprises filled the atmosphere throughout the afternoon. Mystery online quiz was conducted after the experiment using the computer facilities at SMK Marudi. This activity had received encouraging participation from all schools. K₂M 2019 was wrapped up with many positive responses from students, expressing that the event had offered great experience and learning opportunity.

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Talk on health chemistry



Hands-on experiment



Online mystery quiz

