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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Creative Economy and Innovation Centre (Scenic) will be organising the Makerspace Kickstart programme every Nov 13.

Makerspace is a place in which people with shared interests, especially in computing or technology, can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge:

There are more than 10 schools participating in a programme held at SCENIC here.

The two-day event is a collaboration between the Sabah Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (KSTI) and Scenic.

The programme will see makerspace developers learn about 3D printing, laser cutting, how to handle CNC machines and iron compilation from expert trainers.

KSTI permanent secretary Datuk Zainuddin Aman said the programme is very inclusive as it involves the (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Stem ecosystem from the government, corporate, industry players and community without anyone being left behind.

"The ministry believes with the technology becoming more advanced, it is hoped that students could adapt to the develop-



Zainuddin at the launching of the Makerspace Kickstart programme. (Pic: Scenic)

ment by mastering skills such as 3D printing, coding and robotics.

"We don't want to produce students who are "luddite", in other words someone who opposes new technology.

"We believe there are some who still think this way and we must resist.

"This is KSTI's mandate to drive and produce more technology experts from the grassroots."

Scenic Programme Specialist – Technology and Innovation (T&I) Nur Suhailah Mohamad said the centre is hoping activities related to makerspace would encourage the current generation to become a 'Makers' and explore the fun of creating, creating, innovating and preparing for the 4.0 industrial revolution.

Apart from that, she said the programme can provide an opportunity for the community to get to know and try out the facilities.

"The Interest in Stem needs to be continuously inculcated for the future of our children. Their future, whether it will be good or bad, depends on what we have worked on today."

Meanwhile, SMJK Chung Hwa Tenom teacher Anuthra Sirisena said her students are from Form 1 to Form 4 who have been actively involved in such a programme.

The Tenom Innovation Centre founder and winner of the Malaysia Teacher Prize 2022 also said that six out of 12 students who joined the event were their first time.

"While others are always exposed to multiple opportunities such as this event."



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