



### Academy to verify findings on 70% SPM school-leavers

Minister Dr Adham Baba said the research is carried out to confirm the statement of the **Department of Statistics Malaysia** last month, which announced that more than 70% of the post-SPM students would not be continuing their studies.

He said if the figure is accurate, it is a worrying matter that could scuttle the government's plans to make Malaysia a high-technology nation by 2030.

He said the findings will be tabled to the government for follow-up actions.

"The issue of 70% dropout for post-SPM students should be verified. As such, I have asked the Academy of Sciences Malaysia to study the matter again," he said.

"This is because if it is really a 70% dropout, it would be a big loss to the nation, and what are the early measures we must take to produce a high-technology generation with interest in science and innovation."

Adham was speaking to reporters after opening the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Carnival in conjunction with the 2022 Keluarga Malaysia National Science Week in Kota Tinggi today.

In another development, more than 1.67 million participants were recorded for 2022 Keluarga Malaysia National Science Week throughout the country involving primary and secondary schools, institutions of higher learning and individuals who are conducting research.

The total exceeded the original target of 1.5 million participants by October.

Since its launch on April 1, a total of 175 related programmes have been organised. – Bernama, August 28, 2022.

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