

## Minister: Academy of Sciences Malaysia to verify findings on 70 pc SPM student dropping

KOTA TINGGI, Aug 28 – The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti) has directed the Academy of Sciences Malaysia to study the actual percentage of students of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) and Sijil Tinggi Perskolahan Malaysia (STPM). Not advancing your education.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, said in July that research was done to corroborate the statement by the **Department of Statistics Malaysia**, which announced that more than 70 percent of students following SPM would not continue their studies.

He said that if this figure is accurate, it is a worrying issue that could thwart the government's plan to make Malaysia a high technology nation by 2030.

According to him, the findings will be placed before the government for follow-up action.

"The issue of 70 per cent dropout for post-SPM students should be verified. In such a situation, I have asked the Academy of Sciences Malaysia to study the matter again.

"That's because if it's really a 70 percent dropout, it would be a great loss to the nation, and what early measures should we take to produce a high technology generation with interest in science and innovation," They said.

He told reporters after inaugurating the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Carnival in conjunction with the 2022 Keluarga Malaysia National Science Week here today.

In another development, over 1.67 million participants were registered for the 2022 Keluarga Malaysia National Science Week across the country, including primary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education and research individuals.

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

Since its launch on 1st April, 175 related events have been organized so far. – burnma

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