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Constant revision the key for Ahmad

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Constant revision and faith were the essence of success for Ahmad Atiq Abd Hamid, who scored 15 As in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examination.

The SMK La Salle, Klang student, who took an additional six elective subjects - Commerce, Principle of Accounts, Basic Economics, Islamic Philosophy, Pure Science and Geography - scored 14 1As and one 2A for Biology.

"I was quite surprised to get a 2A for my Biology. However, I am thankful," he said in an interview at Balai Berita today.

He said former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi inspired him to strive for excellence.

"They are constantly working to improve the lot of the Malay community."

Accompanied by his father Abd Hamid Mahmud and brother Ahmad Abid Abd Hamid, he said he wanted to set an example for other Malay students.

"I would also like to thank my teachers for supporting me and encouraging me to take the additional six subjects.

"At first, I thought I would not be able to cope but my teachers had faith in me."

Ahmad's hobbies are playing badminton and bowling.

Hamid, a retired civil servant, said his son's results did not come as a surprise as he had always performed well since Standard Six where he had scored five As for the Primary School Assessment Test and eight As in the Penilaian Menengah Rendah.

"Ahmad is also active in the school's debating team and school band. He also loves to read and spends about RM500 a month on books," he said.

Ahmad, an avid violinist who also plays the clarinet, hopes to get a scholarship to do medicine in England.