

**Permata Pintar Begins To Show Results In STEM – Rosmah  
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BANGI, June 17 (Bernama) -- The Permata Pintar programme is beginning to show results with more than 90 per cent of students who have attended Permata's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programme having chosen to study fundamental rather than applied sciences and mathematics.

The prime minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who is also the Permata Programme patron, said these students were now studying in various universities in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia.

"This is indicative of their interest in pursuing careers in STEM and in wanting to work with novel or innovative ideas that will produce unique and original outcomes to benefit future generations."

Rosmah said this at the closing of the first UKM-Kazakhstan STEM Summer Camp 2015 at the Permata Pintar Negara Centre in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), here, today.

In her speech, Rosmah also expressed her hope for the UKM-Kazakhstan STEM Summer Camp to become an annual programme so that both Malaysian and Kazakhstan students would learn how to live like real global citizens.

A total of 51 students aged below 16 from the Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools attended the three-week summer camp which began on May 31 and ended today.

The students were accompanied by eight teachers and had the opportunity to interact with about 300 Malaysian students.

Throughout the three weeks, the students were challenged with problem solving in mathematics, biotechnology and advanced physics.

At the same time, the Kazakhstan students were also exposed to Malaysian culture through learning how to do Malaysian crafts, practising local dances, and visiting the Malaysian craft centre, Genome Research Institute and the Petronas Twin TowerS.

UKM deputy vice-chancellor (Academic and International Affairs), Prof Datuk Ir Dr Riza Atiq Abdullah O.K. Rahmat, in his speech, said the first UKM-Kazakhstan STEM Summer Camp opened the windows of opportunity for collaborative work in educating talented students from Malaysia and Kazakhstan.

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