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PAPAR: Convinced of the lucrative income in oil and gas industry, Sandakan-born Alvizan Anding made his way to Papar to study welding technology in pursuit of a better living.

The sheer determination earned him Best Student Award in 6G Welding Technology during the 2019 Trade and Technical Training Institute (ILTP) Human Resources Department (JPSM) Convocation Ceremony here yesterday.

The 21-year-old who came from Batu Sapi said he once studied automotive but felt that it wasn't for him.

"I wanted to try my luck in oil and gas as I heard that they could earn tens of thousands so I reckoned that it's a good opportunity to change my life.

"I have even seen several friends working in the industry and have their lives changed; they now have their own houses and cars.

"I'm now planning to go for

BOSIET (Basic Offshore Safety Induction and Emergency Training) before applying for jobs with big companies like Petronas," he said.

Best Student Award recipient for Information System Management, Roslin Simpun, on the other hand, hopes to get a job regardless of the size and location of the company.

The 28-year-old from Tamparuli said her three-year study at ILTP JPSM was filled with challenges yet her perseverance proved to be fruitful.

Meanwhile, best student in Beauty and Hairstyling, Michelle Euphrasia Liantup, aspired to open up her beauty centre in the future.

She noted that competition among job seekers today was getting bigger, and that people should look for opportunities to generate their own income.

The first of three siblings who hail from Kota Kinabalu said for the time being, she would seek opportunities to develop as much skills as possible before venturing into her



Alvizan holding his certificate and Best Student Award in 6G Welding Technology.

own business.

"I had planned to further my studies but did not want to burden my parents so it might be best to look for a job first and learn along the way.

"Of course, I want to set up my own beauty shop but it will take time. I am now doing a part time job at a beauty care centre to slowly learn and gain skills and knowledge first," said the 23-year-old.

Earlier, Minister of Education and Innovation Datuk Dr. Yusof Yacob presented certificates to 126 students who graduated in the first series of 2019 ILTP JPSM Convocation Ceremony.

He asserted that the government will continue its effort to provide technical and vocational training and education to Sabahans in line with the coming Industrial Revolution 4.0.

"We have collaborated with the Ministry of Human Resources to seek for assistance and allocation from the federal government to expand ILTP JPSM in Ranau.

"This will allow more courses to be introduced by the institution and provide more education opportunities for Sabahans," he said.

Also present were Sabah JPSM director Zainudin Aman, Sabah and Labuan region Skills Development Department (JPK) director Azmi Pelah, and Papar district officer Ghulam Rasul Hapil.

According to Zainudin, from 1988 to Dec 2018, a total of 8,657 students have been produced by ILTP JPSM comprising 4,528 students in technical training and 4,129 in trade.

The convocation at the end of this year will witness 169 more students graduating, he said, adding that a total of 420 new students have registered into the institution this year.



Yusof presenting certificate for best student award in Information System Management to Roslin.



Michelle (centre) flanked by her mother and sister after the convocation ceremony.