Interior design seminar for 300

MOHD SABRIZAA ...
revive Malay Architecture.

ABOUT 300 students of UITM in Seri Iskander Perak recently attended a three-day seminar on interior architecture programme. Themed "Symposium Nusantara IV", the seminar was revive and promote the elaborate art of architecture of the Malay archipelago.

The retrospective works of past artisans were also projected towards a spatial conception to further enhance the programme. Introduced since 1996, the annual event was organised by third-year students of Interior Architecture at the Seri Manjung town hall.

Topics covered included workshop designs and projects by students from the architecture, planning and surveying faculty and from the art and design faculty.

Head of programme and co-ordinator Mohd Sabrizaa Abd Rashid said as future architects and designers, it was imperative for students to promote an integration of modern design.

"With this programme, it is hoped that the campus at Seri Iskander will become a centre of excellence for interior architecture," he said.

Among the speakers was Prof Madya Baharuddin Ahmad from the Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation who spoke on "Spiritual Meaning in Modern Architecture and Design".

The second speaker was Mohd Uhlman El-Muhammad who discussed "Arts in Islam."

Mohd Faizal Jafar, 20, a student from Kuala Lumpur said Western influence were incorporated in current design features. "We have our own identity which blends well with Islamic values and we need to revive our ancient arts and integrate them with modern designs," he added.