

# 30 preschool kids experience science

**BINTULU:** A total of 30 preschool children participated in the Little Scientist@UPM 2024 programme held at Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus (UPMKB) recently.

This programme was organised by the Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the Lollipop Child Care Centre.

According to the programme chairperson, Dr Ellie Teo Yi Lih, the main goal of this programme was to provide hands-on experience in science and technology for children, encouraging them to develop curiosity and creativity from a young age.

“By offering enjoyable, hands-on experiences in science and technology, we hope to inspire their curiosity and creativity,” said Teo in a statement.

“This programme allows them to explore the basics of science in a fun environment, supporting their development,” she added.

Teo also mentioned that the programme aimed to create a strong foundation to encourage children to pursue their interest in science and technology as they grow.

“We hope to expand this programme in the future to reach



**YOUNG**  
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more children and cultivate a generation of innovative and passionate thinkers,” she said.

The programme is designed for children aged four to six, aiming to introduce basic concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through engaging and interactive activities.

Participants had the opportunity to step into the world of science in a real laboratory setting at the UPMKB Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory.

Activities in this programme included experimenting with drones, creating colourful rainbow mixtures,

balloon fountain demonstrations, and fun math games.

Each activity was specially designed to stimulate creativity, promote problem-solving, and foster a lasting interest in STEM.

Little Scientist@UPM 2024 is part of a larger initiative by UPMKB to promote educational collaboration and encourage interest in STEM fields at the grassroots level.

This programme provides children with the chance to develop early skills that will be a crucial foundation in their future educational journey.