

# Not just about winning

## Beauties also look forward to gaining new experience

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**KUCHING:** For two hopefuls from Pahang, taking part in the Miss Cheongsam Malaysia pageant is an opportunity to gain new experience and friends.

Collins Tin Ye Shin from Kuantan and Adeline Leong Hui Yee from Raub are also keen to learn more about Sarawak during the pageant as this is their first time here.

Tin, 22, said the main purpose she joined the pageant was to improve her knowledge and experience.

"This is a very grand event, so

it's good exposure for me. I want to learn new things, like how to project my image and keep well and healthy. Friendship is important also. We should be natural and not only think about winning," she said.

A finance student at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang, Tin is also looking forward to various charity events organised in conjunction with the pageant, particularly visiting the Hun Nam Siang Tng old folks home.

"I like the thought of being able to do charity and help others. Since I'm still studying, I normally don't have time to organise charity events, so I hope to do this through the pageant."

She added that she had never been to Kuching and was excited to see the local culture.

Leong, who is also studying finance, said she found out about the pageant through Facebook.

"I'm a first-year student at SEGi University College in Kota

Damansara and part-time model. I wish to gain more confidence when I'm on the stage and also new experience, which will help me in modelling.

"But modelling is just for now. In these three years at university, I hope to get more freelance jobs in modelling," she said.

The 21-year-old added that this was her first time joining a beauty pageant and she was enjoying the experience so far.

"They provide us with good food and a good environment. It's also an opportunity to travel here and learn more about Sarawak's culture.

"I look forward to a fun experience during our visits to Sarawak Cultural Village and the old folks home," she said.

Tin and Leong are among 18 finalists from throughout the country who will compete for the title.

Of the other finalists, eight are from Sarawak, three from Penang, two from Perak, and one each from Kuala Lumpur, Sabah and Johor.