

Flying high with tech

It was a field day to remember for more than 50 students from SMK Kedawang, Langkawi as they attended the second Malaysian Education Road Show during the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima) 2013.

The programme, organised by Might-Meteor Advanced Manufacturing Sdn Bhd in collaboration with BAE Systems and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), aimed to develop students' knowledge and stimulate interest in engineering as a future career path.

"We heard that the first road show in Sarawak was good so we were excited when we were invited to be part of the programme," said the school's principal Norini Wan Awang.

She added that the students, aged between 16 and 17, were able to experience aerospace and maritime engineering activities besides being exposed to the latest technology in the field.

This year's event gave students a

real-life experience of what it was like to be in the aerospace and maritime industry.

Students participated in both indoor and outdoor activities such as experiencing the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft simulator, putting on a fighter jet pilot's helmet and attending an open quiz session with BAE Systems.

They were also given a special opportunity to meet a Eurofighter Typhoon Full Scale Replica aircraft pilot and experience sitting in an actual cockpit.

Might-Meteor senior general manager Dr Abdul Rahim Abu Talib said their objective was to nurture today's talents for future leaders.

"BAE Systems has been supporting our objective and we are happy to help build enthusiasm among young people towards a long and rewarding career in science and engineering," he said.

BAE Systems regional managing director John Brosnan said the last road show proved that there was an



Cheers: The students pose after visiting the Eurofighter Typhoon together with the mentors from BAE Systems, Might Meteor and UPM.

immense thirst for knowledge about engineering and other technology related subjects in schools.

"This is the latest in a series of educational initiatives aimed at building engineering awareness amongst young Malaysians," said Brosnan. Both companies and UPM hope to replicate the project for similar ventures with other schools in the future.

Takeoff:

Students were guided through the inner workings of the aircraft simulator by an aircraft engineer.

