

37 Lembah Pantai top students feted to lunch

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THIRTY-seven top students from four schools in the Lembah Pantai parliamentary constituency in Kuala Lumpur were treated to a luncheon with Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil at the Seri Angkasa Revolving Restaurant of the Kuala Lumpur Tower recently.

The treat was to celebrate the students' excellent achievements of scoring five As and above in the 2002 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examination.

The students were from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bangsar, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sri Pantai, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bukit Bandaraya and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Petaling.

Among those present were SMK Bukit Bandaraya students R. Menaka Devi, who scored 11 As, and Wan Noorzaahira Wan Salleh and Tah Kuo Hao, who both scored 10 As.

Three students who achieved nine A's were also from the same school.

Best school went to SMK Bukit Bandaraya with 24 outstanding students.

All students received a certificate and RM200.

A triplet from SMK Bangsar - Nurul Hidayah Muhammad, Nurul Asyikin and Nurul Balqis - who all got good results, was unable to attend the luncheon as they were attending their matriculation programme. They were represented by their mother and grandmother.

Also present were principals and teachers from the four schools as well as parents of the students.

Shahrizat said such treats would help encourage other students to emulate the efforts of the top students.

"I'm proud to say that the 37 top students are able to succeed regardless of their family background," she said.

"Most of them come from poor and middle-class families, but in the classroom, none of these matter as they strive for academic excellence."

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