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**Students of SPM and STPM who excelled in their examinations for year 2015
to receive Cash Awards from Sarawak Timber Association**

A total of 452 and 169 students who had sat the SPM and STPM examinations respectively in year 2015 had been selected to receive Cash Awards. Out of the total, 254 students of SPM and 80 students of STPM are from schools in Kuching District. These students will be receiving the Cash Awards in Presentation Ceremony organized by Sarawak Timber Association, which to be held at 10 am on 8 September 2016 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, Sarawak Timber Association through its subsidiary companies, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) has allocated a provisional sum of RM1.8 million for these students who had excelled in their public examinations for the year 2015. The minimum requirements to be eligible for Cash Awards are (i) the students must be a Sarawakian or of Sarawakian parentage (either parent must be a Sarawakian) and (ii) at least obtained 8As for SPM and 2As for STPM in their respective examination results for the year 2015. Each eligible SPM student will receive RM550 while STPM student will receive RM650. STAM hopes that there will be more applications from students who will be sitting these examinations next year as STAM will continue to provide these awards.

In the same ceremony, there will be a signing of Educational Financial Assistance Agreement between STAM with Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kota Samarahan (ILPKS) and Institut Kemahiran Mara (IKM) Kuching. These collaborative projects between STAM with both ILPKS and IKM, aim to produce better skilled workers as well as potential work force for the industries in Sarawak. 9 students of ILPKS have been selected to attend professional certificate courses offered by professional certificate course provider, while another 6 students of IKM have been selected to receive education financial assistance which comprises reimbursements for their course registration fee and as well as allowance for every semester for the duration of the course.

STA Scholarships and Daiken Scholarships will also be awarded to students who pursuing their studies in Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

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