

# Parents and children weigh study options

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Norhisham Soin arrived around one-and-a-half hours before the gates opened at the fair with his son Muhammad Alwan Shafiq Norhisham.

"This is the first time I'm bringing my son from Lumut to the Star Education Fair.

"I think it is a good opportunity to expose him to the study options available as he has just completed his Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)," said Norhisham who is an engineer.

A trip to the *Star Education Fair 2011* at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre was also an outing for three Form Five students from SMK Hulu Selangor.

Faiz Syazwan Ramlan arrived early with his friends Muhammad Aisar Sharom and Muhd Afifi Abd Azim.

"I'm interested to study medicine and I'm looking forward to attending the medicine and dentistry talk later in the afternoon," said Faiz.

Many exhibitors took advantage



**Wide choices:** Dr Siti Hamisah being briefed by IACT College chief operating officer Michael Choong (left) and IACT College chairman Raymond Chew (second from left). Looking on are Ngiam (second from right) and Ho.

of the growing interest in hospitality and culinary arts industry to offer new courses in the field.

HELP College of Arts & Technology (HELP CAT) introduced its Diploma in Culinary Arts, combining French

and Chinese culinary education.

HELP University College president and co-founder Datuk Dr Paul Chan said that the culinary industry is seeing rapid growth.

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the growing middle-class society is causing demand for a better quality of life, where food and dining plays a major role," he said.

Meanwhile, Berjaya University College of Hospitality is set to offer a course for experienced chefs under the World Association of Chefs' Societies Global Master Chefs certification.

Its Culinary Arts director Chef Jochen Kern said response had been overwhelming.

"Chefs today are very well respected and can make a good living," he said.