



Raisin speaking to parents and students during the assembly at SK St Anne.

Over 18,000 students enrol for 2020 term in Labuan

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SOME 18,486 students enrolled in secondary schools, primary schools and pre-schools across the island for the 2020 school session in Labuan, Thursday.

Labuan Education Department Director Raisin Saidin said the data collected showed there was an increase of 1,479 students compared to 17,007 students in the previous year.

For Primary One, a total of 1,650 pupils started their schooling session at 17 primary schools here, while the total number of preschoolers recorded were 807 students.

"This brings the total of primary and pre-school students to 9,732 and the other 5,809 are secondary school students," he said.

Raisin disclosed that his department and schools here are also ready to accept students from other states who followed their parents to Labuan for work.

He also assured that all necessary amenities including textbooks would be supplied to the students in stages.

Raisin spoke to reporters after a meet-and-greet session with parents and newly-enrolled Primary One pupils at SK St Anne primary school.

The fresh batch of Primary One pupils

at the school showed an array of antics where some were seen crying while others were excited to make new friends.

Many parents were also seen "clinging on" to their children and not leaving the school grounds on the first day.

A mother of three, Norhidayani, shared her excitement of sending off her eldest child to primary school.

"It was exciting as this is my first child to enter primary school. My two other daughters are still in kindergarten.

"Before this I did not have to prepare much as the pre-school would provide all the necessities.

"However, as this is my first experience, my family and I enjoyed getting ready this school session," she said, adding that she spent about RM350 for all the amenities needed for her daughter's school year.

Another parent, Mahsurah Samsu, said the first day of the school year is nothing new as she has two older children and she had been through the stages with them.

"With my eldest in secondary school and my youngest in Primary Three, this is already a norm for me.

"Our family had not spent much for the schooling session this year as my children are still able to use their necessities from the previous year," she said.