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Hope for students to pursue tertiary education

KOTA KINABALU: More than 700 students have been given a second chance at pursuing tertiary education with the help of the non-profit HOPE or Higher Opportunities For Private Education programme.

HOPE programme adviser Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat said that since its inception in December last year, students who failed to get into public universities were given a second chance at 12 selected public universities at subsidised rates.

Talking to local community leaders in Sabah about the programme, Ong said only 40 students from Sabah and Sarawak had taken part in the programme, which was available to all Malaysians.

The courses offered are approved by both the Higher Education Ministry and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Ong said, adding that the subsidised rates for the courses were comparable with fees at public universities.

For more information or to download application forms, go to www.hope.org.my.