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KOTA KINABALU: Imperium International Secondary School (IISS) is spreading its wings to Sabah, offering quality and affordable education for students in the State.

IISS Chief Executive Officer Anne Raja-saikaran said the Imperium International Secondary School Sabah at Wisma Dixon is the sixth school in the country under the Edumaax Education Group of the MAA Group Bhd.

"Our main aim is to bring quality education and affordable International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) to Sabah. So we have started with secondary level with a capacity of 450 students.

"We're hoping the people of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, can really benefit from this and take advantage of the fact that we've brought our teams and teachers from Kuala Lumpur, from all of our other schools, to give back to the community basically," she said when met at the IISS Sabah open day, last Saturday.

Anne said IISS basically offered IGCSEs and A-Level education.

"We provide all of those for secondary students. So, students can come in right after primary school and join us. We will prepare them to go into higher education



Anne (left) interacts with some of the parents at the event.

or their A-Levels, or whatever path they choose to take," she said.

The school opened in January this year, and so far, it has around 15 to 20 students, with more expected to come because it is just the beginning of the year.

"So we're hoping that people will know about it, and then they will join us along the way. As you know, parents need to gain their trust and understand where their children are going.

"I believe that the numbers will add up pretty soon. As I said, our capacity is 450. So even if the numbers are very low now, it won't stop us.

"We have a full set of teachers and full facilities. Everything's there waiting for you," she said, adding that they hoped to get at least half of the capacity by the end of the year.

"The other half will definitely fill up later. As you can see, students come from

the primary school. So it's not a feeder yet. So they're coming from primary, and we're hoping there will be a spillover effect. So that's how schools work, and we're very patient about that," she said.

Asked why they chose Sabah, Anne said the State is very close to the school's Chairman Tunku Yaacob Khyra's heart.

"He spent a lot of time in Sabah when he was younger. He spent almost all of his high school years in Sabah ... so Sabah is very, very close to his heart. He has a lot of properties over here. Importantly, he wanted to give back to Sabah.

"Besides, Sabah is wonderful. Sabah is very, very nice. We love it," she said.

On the open day, Anne said they invited parents to see the facilities IISB has to offer.

"We are here for the long run. So the target today is actually to inform people of our facilities and what we are offering," she said.

The open day activities include a creative photography workshop, creative writing and poem writing workshop, radio play and movie making, outdoor games and fun activities, board games for all ages, language class for parents, colouring and art competitions, IISB Tag and Win competition, blood donation drive with Queen Elizabeth Hospital and free health screening by KPJ Sabah Specialist Hospital.



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