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UMP Ulul Albab Tahfiz Certification Programme to produce hafiz technocrat

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The Ulul Albab Tahfiz Certification Programme introduced by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) aims to produce professionals, technocrats and entrepreneurs who are also *hafiz*.

Its pilot project, *Huffaz* Engineer, is conducted by the Islamic and Human Development Centre (PIMPIN). The objective is to provide a balanced education, one that even up the worldly affairs and the ukhrawi aspects, involving 41 undergraduates of two batches.

They will undergo the programme for four years.

The aim is for them to memorise 30 *juzuks* of the Al-Quran based on modules such as *Adab Hamalatul Quran, Asas Qiraat, Asbabun Nuzul,* interpretation of selected *surahs* and a foundation course in Arabic language.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim presented certification of participation to the programme's participants recently, in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul celebration that was held at the university's Gambang Campus on December 28, 2018.

There were 29 contingents involved in a procession that started from the Sports Complex right up to UMP Mosque. Some 600 people turned up for the celebration.

Also present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, Chief Operation Officer and Registrar, Abd Hamid Majid and, Sports and Cultural Centre Director Abd. Rahman Haji Safie.

Professor Dr. Daing Nasir said Maulidur Rasul was an annual event that marked the celebration of love to Prophet Muhammad S.A.W.

"The gathering is a reminder to UMP community on the necessity to emulate the Prophet's moral values and principles covering all aspects of life.

"In the context of the services rendered by us or undergraduates seeking knowledge, it is clear that there are many lessons that can be learned from Prophet Muhammad S.A.W and for these to be translated into actions in our daily life.

"Among the moral aspects that we can heed to is the Prophet's style of management and approach in an organisation and effectively leading his people.

"We have been told of the many stories of the Prophet's integrity and of him upholding values at the

highest level, making him the leader that we should justly and essentially be when playing our role as a public servant in the university," he said.

He also said although the campus was rather quiet at the end of December 2018 and that it was a study break for the final exam of the first semester, they still managed to celebrate the special day, even by doing so at a moderate scale.

Guest speaker and prominent religious scholar, Ustaz Muhadir Haji Joll, delivered a talk on the leadership of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. that could be emulated by the Muslims of today.

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