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**Malay Language enhancement carnival benefitted UMP**



Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) organizes a Carnival and Community Service involving 35 of its foreign undergraduates who were from Yemen, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, along with students from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seri Bera.

The event, which was held on April 23, 2019, saw the participants taking part in cross-cultural programmes and activities to promote the understanding of the international cultures.

According to Programme Director, Juwairiah Osman, who is from the Foreign Language Department of CMLHS, the event was organized by the Gambang Campus who took the UHF1161: Malay for Beginners and UHF2161: Malay for Intermediate courses.

She added that among the activities that were carried out were teaching the school students techniques on (SPM)'s bahasa Melayu paper, presenting motivational and career talks and showcasing the '*Jom Masuk U*

"There are other exhibitions that showcased how the Malay language has innovatively progressed international cultures of Yemen, Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Somalia and China," she added.



She also said that the programme had made good impacts in generating the interest in the language and that it managed UMP to establish good ties with the community especially schools.

Juwairiah said the carnival's committee consisted of language teachers from the Department of Foreign Languages, students taking the soft skill subject and those from UMP Orator Club.

UMP student Ahmed Adel Shahnan, who is from Yemen, said he was glad to be able to participate in the programme and to experience the education system in Malaysia.

Ahmed Adel Shanan, an undergraduate at Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FCSSE), said he was able to communicate with the school students.

Another participant Ammar Abdullah Manea Alkhawlani, also from Yemen, said he could now converse in Malay.

"Normally, I would communicate with my Malay, Chinese and Indian friends in campus. I am fortunate to be able to communicate with students from the school. The experience was surely wonderful," he added.

In UMP, students can learn the Malay language, share new experience and tell stories about the special life at the university and the fun of communicating in Malay.

In a move to make foreign students understand the language better, UMP carried out various programmes including a language programme where participants would take part in dramas, poem reading and public speaking.

Some of them had participated in the Prime Minister Cup International Malay Speaking Competition that was held in Kuala Lumpur.



## UMP Family Day strengthens bond among campus



Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently held its Family Day gathering, dubbed 1Family, at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang on April 27, 2019.

Based on the filial themes of happiness, care and mutual respect, the family day saw 1,000 people, comprising students and staff, participating according to the colors of their fraternity houses – red, yellow, blue, green and white.

This family day gathering was a joint effort by several associations at the university – namely those for academics (PAKAD), support staff (KESUMP), women (Matahari) as well as the Registrar Department.

Over 20 sporting events were held, among which were aerobics, tug of war and musical chair. The Red team won the tug of war competition.

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Gracing the family day were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, and his Registrar, Abd Rahman Haji Safie.

According to Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, the first family day was a successful gathering, and participation of the university staff and their family members.



“The activities held at this family day gathering can help strengthen the bond among campus residents, all. In fact, such a day can be an excellent platform for the welfare and well-being of all at UMP,” stressed the V

“Moreover, with such themes selected for this first family day, the gathering can help acculturate traits of eventually build a stronger love for the university,” he added.

Meanwhile, the organizing chairman, Mohd Raizalhilmy Mohd Rais, extended his token of appreciation collectively made the event a successful one.

“We are proud of the commitment showed by the committee members and volunteers, especially in planning staff and their families,” said Mohd Raizalhilmy, who hoped more of similar events can be conducted in the

Among the interesting activities seen at the family day were several contests, namely colouring for the children and healthy food preparation for the adults.

There were also food stalls offering the likes of ice-cream, *cendol* and *keropok lekor* for free to everyone who

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**Agrobank contributes pocket money to 35 selected un**





A total of 35 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) students received assistances included pocket money programme called 'Pocket Money Initiative' that was aimed to lessen their financial burden.

The money was from tithes provided by Agrobank which also contributed takaful aids amounting to RM380,000 under the Takaful Protection Scheme to the students who were from the B40 family background.

Pahang Agrobank Director, Safaruddin Samsuddin presented the aids to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri. Dr. Daing Nasir in the Banquet Hall, Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery in Pekan UMP on April 29, 2019.

Also present at the event were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Y. M. Yusoff (Academic & International), Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff and Islamic Centre & Human Development, Professor Dato' Sri. Dr. Daing Nasir.

Professor Dato' Sri. Dr. Daing Nasir said he was grateful that the initiatives taken had managed to help students.

"We hope that the contributions given will help to sustain their expenses and ease their burden through the initiative added.

He also said the management of UMP had always been committed in making the university more social medium and volunteer movement.

“As such, in order to make its university-community agenda a success within the framework of UMP Strategy, any plan by any department or agency that is interested to form a collaboration in various forms of common



He also said UMP hoped to see more support in its efforts to boost charitable deeds through education and

Other projects that would be implemented to support this move included Food for All, *Gerobok Rezeki* (Campus Pantry) and MyCafe-Community.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir also presented RM140,000 of public donations, collected through the for iftar in the month of Ramadan.

UMP would also organise Ramadan Festival and among the activities to be carried out were Tazkirah prayers with invited guest imam, Iftar Jamaie and cooking of *bubur lambuk* at Kuala Pahang RTC and UMP

Other events included strategic collaboration with Etiqa and Isuzu in the Indahnya Ramadan programme as those in the asnaf group.

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## UMP bonds with Media in friendly bowling com





Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently held a friendly bowling tournament with members of the Press to recognize the latter's efforts in providing ample media exposure about UMP over the years.

Conducted for the seventh year running, the UMP-Media 2019 Bowling Friendly programme was held at the UMP Bowling Centre on May 2, 2019, with more than 100 participants, comprising UMP management staff, media practitioners and members of the Press.

The annual tourney was officiated by UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, with the presence of UMP President, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Rahman Haji Safie, and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Technology, Professor Dato' Dr. Zularisam Abdul Razak.

Also present at the event were President of Pahang Media Club, Dato' Nik Naizi Husin and Press Secretary, Dato' Wahab Mohamad Ali.

Over 10 media agencies participated, among whom were Pahang bureau chiefs of Bernama, Nor Shamsul Bahari; of RTM, Mohd Jasmi Faisal Muda; and of Utusan, Mohd Shariza Abdullah.

According to Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, such event was held to show the university's appreciation to the media for their continuous support and coverage of UMP.



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disseminating the right information about the university to the public at large.

“Aside from being a sporting event to promote a healthy lifestyle, this tournament is also a platform for us to

“The activity is one of many initiatives undertaken by the university to build and maintain rapport with members of the community and to disseminate the latest news and information to all parties concerned,” he added, saying that through this event, UMP is recognized as a five-star tertiary education provider, which produces competitive engineers and technicians.



Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, who wished everyone in attendance a belated Labor Day greeting and to continue to cement cordial working relationships between the two.

He also took the opportunity to share the progress of UMP MyGift programme, which has garnered support from the government endowment and fund to facilitate the university's ever increasing activities, in the efforts to inculcate a culture of giving.

Among the other activities lined up at the university for the fasting month of Ramadan are Ramadan Festival, PIMPIN (Human Development), and a strategic collaboration with Etiqa Insurance and Isuzu Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

PIMPIN will help coordinate a short video contest, mass Iftar and Terawih congregation with invited Imams, and traditional Lambuk porridge preparation at the Kuala Pahang Rural Transformation Centre.

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## FIM Learning Factory: New member of the I



FIM Learning Factory, an initiative by the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM) of Universiti Malaysia Perlis, has achieved a significant milestone – being accepted as the new member, and the first from Asia, of the International Association of Learning Factories (IALF).

The prestigious recognition was held during the IALF's annual general meeting (AGM) at the Braunschweig University of Applied Sciences (HTW) on March 26, 2019.

Representing UMP Learning Factory at the AGM were Dean of FIM, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Yusoff (Chairman and Chief Operating Officer), and Head of Technical and lecturer, Mohd Ghazali Maarof.

IALF was originally a European Learning Factory (ELF), established in 2011 and was later revamped and expanded to include a wider circle of research institutions in Germany, Austria, Croatia, Greece and South Africa.

IALF was founded with the aim to collaborate on achieving teaching excellence in the fields of manufacturing and engineering.

In the last few years, there has been a growing interest in Learning Factory worldwide, particularly with the increasing demand for research companies and consulting services.

The Learning Factory is a learning environment concept where a real industrial site is created to allow both students and lecturers to gain real-world exposure of the production process. It emphasized on the experimental and problem-based learning and active involvement of the participants.

Meanwhile, the establishment of Learning Factory at UMP in 2016 has become part and parcel of the FIM curriculum.

The objectives were to provide a complete industrial site within a campus environment with real manufacturing processes to assimilate the elements of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Through such establishment, FIM hopes to prepare undergraduates with the experience of working in a real industrial environment to with confidence and ease. By participating in the activities of a Learning Factory, students can also enhance their skills and knowledge.

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**More than 100 collection of books belonging to Allahyarham Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ghazali Maarof donated to UMP Library**





Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) community especially students at Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM) have received a collection of books and journals on management, finance, governance practices, integrity and ethics that belonged to the late Allahyarham Professor Dato' Dr. Ishak Ismail who passed away on April 4, 2019.

More than 100 books belonging to him that have been donated to UMP Library in Gambang Campus and the purpose of learning.

The books were given away by his widow, Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah Haron, who is also Institute of Library and Information Science Librarian, Dzull Zabarrod Ahmad on April 25, 2019.

Also present were Chief Operating Officer and Registrar of UMP, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Dzulkefli and Associate Professor Dr. Safie.

Allahyarham Professor Dato' Dr. Ishak had made huge contribution to UMP with the establishment of the Faculty of Industrial Management in 2016, which was a result of strategic partnership fostered with Pahang Foundation.



According to Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah, the books and journals were mainly on his late husband's research works as '*Keberkesanan Sistem Parol Jabatan Penjara*' (Effectiveness of Parole System at the Prison Department Government Agency), a study on small businesses in Japan, a study on the anti-bribery management system in corporate foundations and factors that impacted study loan repayments by borrowers of Pahang Foundation.

"Others included works on basic operations management, consumer behavior, basic and practices in management, works of masters' and doctorate degree students.

"There were also an article on 'Internal Audit Capability Model' published in New Zealand that was 'Internal Audit Capability Maturity Model' printed by the Institute Internal Auditors, USA," she said.

As for Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Ridzuan, he said this was a very significant contribution especially for the students.



Dzull Zabarrod also expressed his appreciation on the contribution made and that the books and publication are good reference sources on a variety of issues.

“We highly appreciate the services of the late academician who had contributed a lot of books to the library

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