

Success Story

## Being a disabled is not a handicap for success for Muhammad Zabri

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Muhammad Zabri Abu Bakar, 32, wears a prosthetic leg to replace the right one which he lost in an accident when he was a student in Malacca and it was never an issue for him in his pursuit for higher education.

He now has a Master of Engineering (Electrical). He received his scroll at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony that was held on November 10 and 11, 2018.

Muhammad Zabri, who has been using the prosthetic leg since 2004, said his leg could not be saved because the injuries were too serious.

"However, being a handicapped is not a hindrance for me to attain success and fulfil my ambition to be a lecturer. In fact, it is the very impetus that spur me to strive for excellence," he said.

He added that he held firmly to the principle of not wanting to burden other people and that life was a struggle.

Muhammad Zabri said he was happy with his achievement, after facing a lot of obstacles for the last three years.

"I am very happy because finally, I have this Masters' degree despite having to go through a lot of obstacles. All the hardship has paid off," he said.

Muhammad Zabri, who is the second of nine siblings, said his source of strength came from his family especially his wife and children for without them and their encouragement, he would not have managed to complete his studies.

He also called on those with disabilities to not to allow the status to get over them and that they should not give up easily.

"Learn to stand on your own two feet without relying on others," said Muhammad Zabri, who is from Pekan, Pahang.

Muhammad Zabri now works as a temporary teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan Pahang Tua in Pekan.

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