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General

From school to campus: Language Immersion marks a new chapter for UMPSA’s Faculty of Applied Language Studies

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PEKAN, 4 November 2026 – A taste of university life and opportunities to communicate across cultures welcomed 81 Form Three and Form Four students from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Nenasi to the University Language Immersion Boot Camp 2026 at Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA).

The programme was among the early initiatives organised by the Faculty of Applied Language

Studies (FALS) following its upgrade from the Centre for Modern Languages (CML).

Held in collaboration with SMK Nenasi, it brought together language learning, campus exploration and interaction with local and international university students..

Eight teachers accompanied the school delegation, led by Senior Assistant, Hasnita Mamat.

With the theme ‘Explore, Communicate & Aspire’, the programme encouraged participants to build confidence in Malay and English while discovering opportunities for further study.

Following a welcome session and ice-breaking activities conducted by 15 enthusiastic UMPSA student facilitators, participants visited the Mini Plant, Electrical Wiring Laboratory and Automation System Laboratory at the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology.

Exposure to these facilities sparked their interest in university learning and inspired them to consider continuing their studies at UMPSA.

A visit to the UMPSA Pekan Library further introduced them to the university’s learning facilities.

The Malay language immersion sessions, Kesantunan Berbahasa and Misi Komunikasi, created opportunities for meaningful exchanges between the school students and international students taking ULB1312 Bahasa Melayu.

Participants interacted with students from Yemen, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and other countries, putting their communication skills into practice across different cultural backgrounds.

These exchanges helped the SMK Nenasi students recognise their ability to communicate with people from other countries using Malay.

Meanwhile, the international students were excited to practise the language beyond the classroom through conversations with local teenagers.

The interaction gave both groups a shared purpose for using Malay in an informal, authentic setting.

In the afternoon, an introduction to a session ‘Pitch like Nobody’s Business’ challenged participants to organise their thoughts, express ideas and speak freely.

The activities encouraged creativity and teamwork while giving students opportunities to develop confidence through practice.
Programme Director, Dr. Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim also conducted the English session, while Jamilah Bebe Mohamad led the Malay language sessions.

They were supported by facilitators Dr. Nor Yazi Khamis, Azimah Ahmad Zaki, Farah Liyana Ahmad A’azmey and Noraisah Nurul Fatwa Mohd Razali, with secretariat support from Azlina Abd Mubin.

Twenty-one international students participated in the Malay language sessions, alongside the UMPSA student facilitators supporting the programme.

In her closing address, FALS Dean, Associate Professor Dr. Zuraina Ali highlighted the programme’s significance in marking the faculty’s transition from a centre.

She encouraged participants to embrace mistakes as part of language learning and expressed hope that their campus experience would motivate them to pursue higher education.

She also acknowledged SMK Nenasi English teacher and programme coordinator Siti Nur Atikah Nazri, a master's student at FALS who was completing her thesis corrections after passing her viva.

Her commitment to further study provided a relatable example of lifelong learning for the participants.

The programme concluded with feedback activities, the presentation of prizes and certificates, and a group photography session, bringing to a close a day of language practice, cultural exchange and exploration of university life.

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