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**Foreign Minister meets UMP campus comm**

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Foreign Minister Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah attended a gathering with some 1,000 people at University Malaya Hall, UMP Gambang Campus on October 22, 2018.

Also present were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim and the university's m

It was held in conjunction with the International Food Festival organised by the international students and U

An array of sumptuous delicacies and dishes were displayed such as Algerian Baklava, Griwesh, Gri Vegetarian Pulao and Mutton Masala (Bangladesh), Dumpling (China), Vegetarian Biryani, Kholapuri C Karachi, Chicken Pulawo, Naan, Salad (Pakistan), Kebab and Mandy Khabsah (Yaman).

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said it was the Indera Mahkota MP first visit to the university as a For the campus community to be up close with him.

"UMP has some 1,000 international students from 30 countries such as Yemen, Bangladesh, Iraq, Libya, both its campuses - Gambang and Pekan.

"The festival showcases the diversity in food and cultures from all the countries. It also promotes the community got the chance to experience cross-culture, enrich their learning and promote integration among

He said participation from community outside of UMP was also set to provide opportunities for them to exp able to interact more closely with others.

"This would indirectly geared towards racial harmony and enhance unity in diversity," he added.

He also said the international ambiance exuded provided interesting experience for local and international s

Dato' Saifuddin, in his speech, presented the Portfolio of Foreign Ministry, comprising Malaysia's bilateral a on geographical, geo-political, geo-economical and geo-diplomatic factors.

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## **UMP Board of Director's Chairman presented with Honorary Management from USM**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Board of Director's Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad was presented with Honorary Management by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) during its 56th convocation ceremony.

USM Chancellor, His Royal Highness Raja Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Nizar Jamaluddin presented Dato' Sri Ibrahim, formerly the Director General of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) during the first session of the 56th convocation ceremony in 2018.

Dato' Sri Ibrahim is almost synonymous with MARA. Under his leadership, the agency became the leading agency in the developing of comprehensive human capital in various strategic fields, whether the current ones or in new areas.

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He has vast working experience which spanned for 38 years including leading MARA for seven years prominent human capital development institute.

He has made great contribution in the world of education that included implementing the International (IGCSE) programme in MARA Science Lower Colleges (MRSM).

For institutes of higher learning, Dato' Sri Ibrahim pushed for the establishment of USM-KLE medical campus for MARA students to pursue their medical studies there.

Dato' Sri Ibrahim has also significantly helped to set up USM Student Entrepreneurship Development Program entrepreneurship centre building near Tuanku Syed Putra Hall, aimed at producing graduates with entrepreneurial spirit.

This was in line with the move to meet the aspirations of HEBAT (Holistic, Entrepreneurial, Balanced, Articulate).

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There were many momentous achievements in Dato' Sri Ibrahim's illustrious life. He was made the Terengganu (UMT) on August 2018, received the Honorary Doctorate from Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) in 2015, Universiti Malaya (UM) in 2016 and presented with the Honorary Doctorate from UNITAR International University in 2017.

He was also UniKL Pro-Chancellor from 2011 until 2017 and a member in the board of directors of Johor Development Corporation (MATRADE).

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said he hoped that the award and recognition would further encourage him to continue enhance the country's education sector as well as contribute to UMP's excellence.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir and several of UMP's senior management officials were present at USM ceremony.

He added that UMP would carry on to be exceptional in line with the university's aspiration of becoming a leading technology university that was based on competitive technology and engineering expertise.

"This puts the university on the right track on being the leading technology university by 2020," he said.

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## **UMP offers Mandarin course for industry workers**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Steel Alliance (M) Sdn Bhd. in a move to brush up Mandarin among the industry workers.

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The collaboration was also set to benefit the university students on getting placement for industrial training

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim while ASSB by and ATOZ Solution by its Operations Manager, Mohamad Fauzi Mohd Jaya.

It was held at the Banquet Hall, Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery Building in UMP Pekan Campus.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said as a leading technology university, UMP had always worked on up

He also said UMP had achieved a series of accolades – it obtained five-star ratings in all the achievement s Research Assessment (MyRA), University and College University Assessment System, (SETARA), Mi Assessment (MyMOHES) and Financial Management Excellence Award based on Accountability Index.

“UMP was in fact had been recognised as the fastest growing technical university and was placed 188th i announced recently,” he added.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said he was confident that the Mandarin Language Cultural Cer programme catered for the industrial workers of an industry that would be operating at the Malaysia-China I

He hoped that the strategic cooperation with Alliance Steel would bring more benefits in terms of more res and job opportunities.

Hu Jiu Lin also said the cooperation between the industry and university was a meaningful one, more so th best especially in mechanical engineering, adding, it would fit the needs of the company's iron and steel-rel

He added that the objective of the programme was to enhance the employees' communication skill and e they could further improve their capabilities and share their expertise in the field.

MLCC Director, Yong Ying Mei said Mandarin was no longer limited to daily conversation but had also industry.

“As such, UMP trainers will come up with a Mandarin book for industrial use to help staff master the lang ATOZ Sdn. Bhd. for this project,” Yong said.

**Alex Tiong named UMP Sportsman of the Y**

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Alex Tiong Sie Hung, an undergraduate at Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA) was Malaysia Pahang (UMP) following his triumphant feats including gold medals won in the swimming event of

Alex made a good haul of medals in the two competitions – Institutes of Higher Learning Sports Tournament Council Tournament (MASUM).

Alex received the award during UMP Sports Appreciation Ceremony held at Sri Manja Boutique, in Indera M

He took home a whopping RM12,800 in incentive cash, a trophy and certificate of appreciation.

Alex expressed his gratitude to UMP for the recognition and that the success had spurred him to do better.

He is now making preparations to represent the country at the Asean University Game (AUG) in Myanmar t

The Sportswoman of the Year was presented to Nurul Hani Shafiza Hassan from Faculty of Industrial Scien

Nurul Hani Shafiza is an archer and had won medals at SUKIPT and MASUM. She took home a trophy, inc

She was also the Sportswoman of the Year for 2016.

The Most Promising Sportsman award was won by Muhammad Hafizudin Mohd Nasri (lawn bowling) wh  
Nadhirah Ab Rasul (petanque).

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Prizes were presented by UMP Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yusoff Yusoff.

Also present were UMP Chief Operating Officer, Abd Hamid Majid, Dean of Student Development Ts. Datin Aishah, and UMP Culture Centre Director, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie.

In his speech, Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin congratulated all the 35 athletes who had shined at the event for their achievements.

He said that the university needed students who were creditable to face the challenges of the highest level of sports.

"The university's management has carried out various programme in their efforts to produce credible and competitive athletes," he said.

"I am confident that UMP athletes will continue to succeed in the sports arena, be it locally or internationally," he said.

"The athletes have the potentials to boost their image and stimulate their active minds which will help enhance the university's reputation," he said.

He hoped that the recognition given would serve as a source of inspiration as well as sweet memories for the athletes.

## **45 FKASA students turned nature lovers**



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By: EMMA MELATI BURHANUDDIN, FKASA

Forty-five students from Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA) including foreign students participated in the event to protect the environment by planting 500 mangrove tree saplings and cleaning up the shoreline of Chendor beach in

According to FKASA Dean, Dr. Mohamad Idris Ali, everyone was responsible in protecting the environment. He said that many people are selfish and cared less about the nature.

“They litter everywhere including the river and sea, causing pollution. There are a lot of pollutants including plastics, drinking straws, bottles and other waste. The programme aims at creating awareness among the students on the importance of protecting the coastline,”

He added that it was an eye-opener for the students and the right thing to do so they could get better understanding of the environment and increase awareness on the dangers of polluted beaches.

“Apart from planting trees, we also help to clean up the area as plastics, drinking straws, bottles and other waste can harm marine life especially the turtles as these reptiles may think that the plastics are jelly fish which is their food,”

He also said he was satisfied with the commitment showed by the volunteers.

Also present at the event were Deputy Dean (Academic and Student Affairs,) Noram Irwan Ramli and Program

Dr. Doh said the programme started with a briefing session about mangrove and that trees were planted to prevent a strong surge like tsunami.

They then began to clean up the beach area and walked some 10km along the beach and the amount of garbage collected was 30 bags.

They also released 20 baby turtles or hatchlings to the sea.

Turtles are becoming extinct and the number of landings made in the country's coastal line has declined.

## **Nature trip for international students spurred interest in env**

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By: NORASHIKIN SULAIMAN, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Thirty Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) international students took time off to be volunteers in a conservation activities at the popular Cherating beach belt in Kuantan recently.

The students were from Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen.

The programme, 'Love the Nature', was organised by UMP International Office that was held on October 27.

They went on a cruise along the Cherating River to enjoy the scenic landscape of mangrove and the creatures.

After soaking in the tranquillity experience of the 45-minute cruise that was managed by Hafiz's Cherating, the students went to the mangrove area of Sungai Cherating and took part in the planting of mangrove tree saplings.

International Office Director, Dr. Nik Aloesnita Nik Mohd. Alwi said the programme gave the students the opportunity to learn about the mangrove ecosystem and at the same time, help to conserve the environment by planting 50 tree saplings.

"They were given briefing on the function and importance of the trees. The protruding roots allow sediment to settle, which helps to build up the shoreline from erosion and is a natural guard against strong wind.

"They were also taken to the Turtle Sanctuary Centre at Chendor beach. They learned about the many species of turtles and how to protect the turtles from extinction," she said.

She added that the activity was organised at Rimbun Dahan by Pak Su Cherating, a non-governmental organisation that runs various conservation programmes in Pahang.

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As part of the efforts to create awareness on protecting the turtles and the habitat, the students got to relea

One of the participants, Abdelrahman Elsaid who is from Egypt, said although the weather was hot, he w  
and that it was his first time participating in such an activity.

He said he was proud to have done his bit to conserve the environment by planting the mangrove tree sapli

“We also got to see the fireflies along the Cherating River which was a beautiful sight, which surely was  
home after I have completed my studies,” he said.

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