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**UMP Cares – Food for All Programme for students a**

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The Islamic Centre and Human Development (PIMPIN) and MyGift Squad, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) have launched a 'Food for All' as part of the efforts to tackle issues involving some of the university students who often had to go home for meals.

Under this programme, students are provided with free breakfast and lunch distributed at UMP mosques in various parts of the campus.

On Thursdays, UMP even provided meals for breaking of fast for those who fast on that day.

The 'Food for All' coordinator Siti Nazira Hazudin from PIMPIN said they provided food such as biscuits, instant noodles and other food items at the mosque that were mainly donated by the public and non-governmental organisations.

She said this when met during the presentation of special education incentive to new students.

As a show of support towards the university's move to help the students, various initiatives were carried out by different departments.

The Student Affairs and Alumni Department (JHEPA)'s programme is called, 'Kongsi Rezeki' (Share the Blessings). At the university cafeteria, they helped distribute food packs to students facing financial problems and those who are from rural areas like Gambang and Kuala Pahang.

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The Residential College Representatives (PEKA) delivered free breakfast meals distributed at certain allotted

As for the #BPACare 'Gerobok Rezeki' (Cupboard of Sustenance) project, Academic Management Director said the cupboards filled with basic essential items for the students to take for free.

According to Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, the university encourages students and professionals to develop the country and as such, university students needed to focus on their studies in order to

"The reality is that some of the less fortunate students do have problems to continue with their studies due to financial expenses. It is the responsibility of the university to ensure that they complete their studies.

"This social responsibility is not an option but something that needs to be done. Aids received are in line with the university's own capacity.

"The aids are in the forms of tithes, scholarships, special assistance before classes commenced and welfare activities," he said.

He said the students were also encouraged to do business as the university had spaces allotted for such a purpose.

"For the less fortunate ones, we create the opportunity for them to work and study so they can earn money without compromising their academics. Priority is still on their studies so they must know how to divide their time. The university counsellors so their academic performances can be monitored.

"This is to ensure that while they get some training and exposure on doing business, their studies are not neglected," he added.

UMP welcomes contributions from university staff, students, alumni, individuals and corporate bodies, be it in cash or kind. It will further help knowledge to thrive in the university.

Contributions can be made using e-banking through MyGift portal at the university's website, [www.ump.edu.my](http://www.ump.edu.my)

## **Facts on the Student Scholarship Endowment**

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## **Scholarship Sponsorship for Outstanding Students of Poor Background**

UMP offers scholarships to outstanding students of poor background to help them study in the uni sponsorship covers tuition fees, accommodation and expenses.

### **Education Incentive**

An incentive of RM1,000 is given to potential students with financial constraints and who wish to pursue th with the fees or expenses while in the university.

### **Types of Endowments/Funds of UMP MyGift**

1. Endowment for Chair
2. Endowment for Student Scholarship
3. Endowment for Laboratory/Facilities
4. Ramadan Fund
5. Mosque Fund
6. Disaster Fund
7. Wakaf Fund
8. Community Fund
9. Fund to Contribute for Infrastructure.

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## **Compost fertiliser from palm oil mill waste for growing**

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Palm oil plantation in the country is the largest agriculture crop in the country and as such, mass oil palm produces a massive waste of empty fruit bunch.

In fact, only 10 percent of the oil is produced while the remaining 90 percent is agriculture waste or biomass that can be used for animal food while some are simply thrown away.

This situation made Dr. Nor Hanuni [Ramli@Said](mailto:Ramli@Said), a researcher with Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), to turn the biomass into organic fertiliser.

Dr. Nor Hanuni who is also a lecturer with Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering (FKKSA) is involved tackling problems relating to pollutions and how to manage the huge amount of waste discarded by the state.

“The compost is 100 percent organic. It is produced by way of composting method that involves decomposition of biomass which is then processed into products that can be used for growing crops.

“It involves aerobic composting method, mixing micro-organism, air, humidity and nutrient or suitable material that has basic nutrient needed by crops and has high water holding capacity,” she said.

She added that the research received a grant under UMP Lab2Market Grant Programme, with the aim to bring the products to commercial market.

“We marketed the products in two sizes, a pack of one kilogram priced at RM10 and a pack of 10 kilogram. The products were displayed at MAHA Exhibition 2016.

“We are mindful that awareness towards organic products especially on food resource among Malaysians is increasing. We are targeting the UK, US and Singapore.

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“The prices of organic fruits and vegetables are sold up to three times higher than the inorganic crops in the

She also said by producing organic products, this would help to increase awareness and educate the public

She hoped that more could be done so the society could be educated and informed about using organic  
grow their own vegetables that would be healthier and cost-saving, and helped improve their economic stan

Dr. Nor Hanuni also said although there were a lot of compost fertilisers in the market, not all were genuine  
from inorganic resource.

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## **Reach-Out Programme with Integrated Islamic School Kuantan: ‘ Series GO English! Project’**

By: AMY ZULAIKHA MOHD ALI, CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES & HUMAN SCIENCES (CMLHS)

Seventy nine pupils were involved in the TOEFL® Young Students Series GO English! Project that was h

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Kuantan on January 26, 2019.

It was organised by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), the world's largest non-profit educational organization, and English language instructors from University Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Centre for Modern Languages & Humanities.

One of them was senior language teacher Noor Azlinda ZainalAbidin who was appointed as a coordinator in charge of the project.

The school was picked by Eshia and Associates Sdn. Bhd. - the country representative for ETS.

Noor Azlinda and her team of six English instructors took part in the project which was also one of the activities under the service programme.

The project, which was in its first year, aimed to encourage pupils to speak in English. The pupils were divided into groups and the activities were done in a more creative and fun manner.

Topics of the activities were based on animal, nature and people such as 'Love the Animals', 'Love the Nature' and 'Love the People'.

The pupils were guided to come up with ideas that expressed their aspirations on the project's main subject - the theme for this year's project.

With the right coaching from UMP facilitators and IIS teachers, the pupils were motivated to speak and improve their English.

Using their imagination, they also created interesting posters and when completed, they were beaming with pride.

The pupils also received special rewards for taking part in the project including a plaque, promotional item and certificate of achievement when they submitted their projects.

Eshia and Associates Managing Director, Ezani Amir said, ETS Malaysia lauded the participants who worked hard to show their creativity, research skills, communication skills and teamwork skills at a very young age.

"It reflected the good dynamics of IIS, UMP, the parents and children.

"These are the skills needed in the workforce and entrepreneurs of the 21st century," he added.

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One of the participants, Faznur Fadilla Md. Ali, 11, was seen encouraging her group members to think on w

The Standard Five pupil brought a lot of materials from home such as pictures from books and magazines which she had prepared earlier with the help of her parents so her team could complete the project.

Another participant, Mohamad Farrel Dazeman Mohamad Fatasya, 11, said the discussion on the need to interest among the pupils to learn new words.

“Personally, I am excited to be part of this project. Through the discussions and posters that we have made ideas that are related to nature. We learn the need to plant more trees and say no to illegal logging,” he said.

IIS Headmaster, Abdul Rahim M. Ali said, the project involved 10 teachers from the school and seven faculties through communicative activities in English.

“This is an opportunity for pupils to realise the importance of English and effective communication so in the world. This initiative also helps to boost the pupils’ motivation and confidence to speak in English,” he said.

IIS Proprietor, Nor Diana Kassim said, it was a good programme for the IIS pupils because it used a different

The poster-making activity encouraged the pupils and parents to be involved in the project, she added.

“My hope is for the programme to be held annually in this school. Even though it is only a day-long project created long-lasting impacts. The momentum can be kept through classes run by the teachers,” said Nor D



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