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## **UMP Alumni shared joy of happiness with orphans and the asnaf in shopping for the Eid Mubarak**

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Their faces lit with joy and happiness upon having the chance to choose their own clothes for the coming Aidilfitri celebration.

They were 110 children aged between five and 17 who were orphans and from the asnaf group who were brought to shop at the Pasar Raya Hari-Hari under the 'Ziarah Prihatin Aidilfitri Projek Baju

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Raya.'

The event, held in Kuantan on May 25, 2019, was organised by the Graduate Alumni Association, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), together with Ikram Foundation (I-Bantu), Member of Parliament for Kuantan Office, Ikram Muda Pahang, Gema Pahang and Alumni Communication Unit., Student Affairs and Alumni Department.

Also present were Member of Parliament for Kuantan Fuziah Salleh, who is also Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and UMP Alumni Deputy President, Mohd. Najib Razali.

The programme started at 9 am, involving 50 volunteers comprising alumni, staff and UMP students as well as representatives from several Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

According to Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie, the programme was aimed at helping the local community and to encourage volunteerism among alumni and students.

He also said activities such as this would help cheer up the children and make Ramadan a more meaningful experience for them.

"They get to enjoy the celebration of Aidilfitri which will be soon. We hope that they will celebrate the festive season in merriment as they too deserve to be happy."

"That is why we try our best to entertain them with this shopping spree," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude to the many individuals and NGOs who had chipped in to make the project a success.

He added that there were several other activities that had been planned for the children including the 'Back-to-School' project where they would receive new school uniforms and other necessities scheduled at the end of the year.

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