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# UMP's excellent Graduate Employability up a notch to 96%

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang's (UMP) annual ranking of Graduate Employability (GE) remains excellent, and in fact, rose one percent to 96 percent, compared to the 95 percent it recorded last year.

The GE rankings attained thus far, are well above the 80 percent threshold benchmarked by the Ministry of Education (MoE), and have even surpassed those achieved by other public institutions of higher learning (IPTA) in the country.

"The outstanding accomplishment is the result of the university's close and long-term collaboration with the industries, in producing a balanced yet holistically competent and enterprising graduates, who met industrial demands," announced UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, at a recent Aidilfitri gathering, held at the Banquet Hall of the Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery at UMP Pekan main campus on June 14, 2019.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to everyone in attendance for such an outstanding achievement, and hoped that the university will continue to pursue such excellence in the future.

Also present at the Aidilfitri celebration were Chairman of UMP's Board of Directors, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli, Chief Operation Officer (COO) cum Registrar, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Darun; as well as other board directors and management team of the university.

Touching on the subject of festivity, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar said it was good to note that everyone came and celebrated it in moderation.

"Certainly is heartening to see everyone at UMP, from all walks of life, can gather together in such a harmonious ambience – which also reflects our undying commitment to pursue UMP's agenda of excellence, underscored by our slogans of "wehdah al-fikri" or united in thought, and "wehdah al-amal" or united in action.

"As we celebrate Aidilfitri festivity, today also marked the 30th day of my appointment as the university's fourth Vice-Chancellor.

"For the past one month, with the responsibilities I had to shoulder, I have experienced the heavy weight and the reality of an uphill challenge of ensuring UMP's agenda of excellence momentum.

"On that note, I would like to take this festive opportunity to record my appreciation to my predecessor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, for all his hard work in elevating UMP to where it is today," said the Vice-Chancellor jubilantly.

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The university, he continued, also wished to record its gratitude to UMP's third Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, also dubbed the Father of Transformation, who had uplifted UMP to be among the best universities in Asia and internationally.

The Aidilfitri gathering saw over 2,000 guests in attendance, and was considered the rightful platform to strengthen the bond among all at UMP.

The festivity kicked off at 10.30 in the morning, with a variety of Aidilfitri's "Kasih Sayang"-themed dishes – among them were Nasi Briyani UMP Kusayang, Sehati Sejiwa delicacies and pudding, Ombak Rindu refreshments, Satay Kasih UMP, Lemang and Rendang Daging Sejoli, Nasi Impit Kasih Tercipta, Lodeh and Kuah Kacang Jalinan Kasih, Apam Balik UMP Dihatiku, Kambing Golek Sesuci Lebaran as well as Cendol Manis Memikat.

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