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**Graduates of UMP, the preferred choice of the jo**

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The engineering and technology programmes offered by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) have always values through continuous benchmarking process using world-class model, a result of a partnership prog Science (HsKA) Germany.

This is seen as the best case in point in producing graduates who are competent, holistic, balanced and w the needs of the industry.

Also, being in the 101-150 ranking of the world's best young university of the Quacquarelli Symonds list, U foreign universities and industries in forging closer ties, and bring about positive impacts in the graduates p

This strategic alliance has proven to be effective as the rate of Graduate Employability (GE) of the univer 96 percent and surpassing the target of 80 percent set by the Ministry of Education.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, UMP had always stay comm in its academic programmes through strategic collaborations at the international level.

“In our efforts to be a competitive and global player, the internationalisation process of UMP is admini partnership with Germany. This has enabled us to groom and produce competitive graduates.

“By having a German education background, graduates have become more marketable and will have more that have business links with Germany.

“The graduates are also more adept in their soft skills, knowledgeable and highly skilled – qualities that when facing with the new industrial revolution of the IR 4.0, transformation in the digital world and automati

As part of the efforts taken to groom human capitals to cater to the needs of the country, UMP offers Bach the Malaysia Technical University Network (MTUN) members - Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (U (UTeM) and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).

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This initiative was seen as complementing the country's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system.

The organising of CEO [Programme@Faculty](#) by the Ministry of Education was also seen as a move to bring the industrial sector into the country's higher learning system where prominent personalities shared their experiences.

The latest personalities to join the programme were Chairman of Nova Wellness Sdn. Bhd., Dr. Abd Muzaimi, Dream Edge Sdn. Bhd., Khairil Adri Adnan and Director of Scomi Transit Project Sdn. Bhd., Rohaida Ali.

They were appointed by the ministry to participate in the programme where they would deliver talks, workshops and Q&A sessions which would benefit the university students and staff.

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## **Global Village UMP promotes better command of English among s**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), in collaboration with its Association of International Economic & Commerce (AIEC) Chapter, Department of Student Affairs & Alumni (JHEPA) and UMP International Office, recently organized a programme to improve English language among secondary school students.

Vide its Global Village UMP 2019, some 200 students from five secondary schools from the towns of Pekan, Kuantan and Teluk Anson to learn communicating in English.

Among the participating secondary schools were Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Sungai Soi, SMK Teluk Anson and SMK Seri Mahkota.

Held at the UMP Holdings Hall in UMP Gambang Campus on July 26, 2019, the programme was officially inaugurated by the Minister's Department, Fuziah Salleh, who is also Kuantan's Member of Parliament (MP).

In her official address, Fuziah congratulated UMP for its efforts, saying such programme helped promote English language among secondary school students.

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“With the presence of seven international volunteers from India, Vietnam, Indonesia, China and Pakistan will have a positive impact on the participants.

“I was made to understand that one of the main programme activities, called 'Speak Up', is slotted to help with their daily communication tool,” said the Deputy Minister.

Fuziah expressed her hope that such programme could also help eradicate the negative perception of English as a confusing subject to learn.

“To better communicate in English, students have to read a lot more English books,” the MP emphasized the role to play to encourage students to master the language.

Meanwhile, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato’ Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin expressed appreciation to the volunteers who spared their time to come to Malaysia and made the six-weeks Speak Up programme in Kuantan a success.

“The international volunteers not only helped with the programme, but also shared with the participants their talents in music,” said Professor Dato’ Dr. Yuserrie.

“The volunteers played an important role of bridging the differences of culture and strengthening the bond between the two countries abreast with the current state of world affairs,” he added.

Among those present at the closing of the programme were Director of UMP International Office, Dr. Nik Nurhidayah; Director of Development (JHEPA), Dr. Ahmad Johari Mohamad; AIESEC UMP Advisor and Lecturer at the Centre for Management Learning (CMLHS), Haslinda Robita Hashim; and Programme Director, Celine Hing.

At the event, there was also an exhibition by the international students at UMP, who also showcased various projects from their countries like Algeria, Pakistan, Yaman, Egypt, India, and Kyrgyzstan.

AIESEC is the world’s largest youth-run organization – an international non-governmental and not-for-profit organization focused on leadership development, cross-cultural internships, and volunteer exchange experience.

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