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Bridging Universiti Malaysia Pahang to the world community

UMP continued to be the best in Financial Management

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) will continue to create work culture based on best practice to increase effectiveness and efficiency of UMP staff.

Other than that, the culture to correct (weaknesses) the norm and to norm (practice) the correct can improve to greater quality, integrity and highly innovative that are customer friendly.

This effort in improving effectiveness and efficiency of UMP staff to continue their effort to increase their effectiveness and efficiency of work and responsibilities at their respective department.

UMP was awarded 5 star rating in Financial Management Auditing UMP Accountability Index based on Financial Management Audit Index (AI) carried out every two years by the National Audit Department.

This audit is aim to ease the measurement of quality objectively in the financial management for government as the federal statutory body.

It is also in line with the RMK-9's core in strengthening institutions' ability and implementation by creating System.

Attending to deliver the certificate to the Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff in Tungal on 10th October 2019 at the Banquet Hall, Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery, UMP Pekan.

Also present Vice-Director, Pahang State Audit, Azura Wani Amir Rashid, Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Dr. Mohd Zamli and Chief Financial Officer who is also UMP Bursar, Zainuddin Othman.

According to Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, this star or AI rating was awarded based on the level of compliance with management control, budget, receipts, expenses, the management of group trust funds or trust accounts and stores.

"In our effort to maintain 5 star rating in this auditing, UMP always carried out an internal control to ensure compliance with."

"Apart from that, UMP has held workshops for staffs to ensure UMP is always adopting the latest accounting practices."

"Besides that, the ability to generate excellence based on consistence performance and positive attributes will help UMP as a glorious university through UMP Strategic Plan 2021-2025 that will be designed soon," he said.

Official Launching of UMP Confucius Institute

The launching of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Confucius Institute (CI) reflected the university's serious commitment in technical and vocational (TVET) in a Mandarin learning setting.

CI's role is not only limited as a Mandarin language institute but also one that provides the syllabus to teach

By being graduates who can speak several languages, this will give them added values and better prospects in the future.

The institute was officially launched by Education Ministry's Policy Planning and Coordination Division Secretary Normah Binti Mohd Normah on October 14, 2019.

Also present were UMP Board of Directors' Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad, UMP Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Wan Azhar, Chinese People's Republic of China Embassy Cultural Director in Malaysia, Feng Jun, Hebei University Vice-President, Professor Gui Fuliang, Hebei University Confucius Institute Director, Professor Gui Fuliang and UMP Confucius Institute Director, Yong Ying Mei.

According to Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, the institute would provide the internationally-certified Mandarin language courses to all Malaysians and training services to teachers.

"It would also serve as a research centre for teaching materials", he added.

He also said UMP had set up a Mandarin Language and Culture Centre (MLCC) eight years ago and has been organising Chinese cultural activities for UMP staff and local community including government agencies, private sectors and the public. The centre has become a major reference point on matters related to Mandarin language and Chinese culture in the East Coast region.

On the support given by the Education Ministry, Confucius Institute Headquarter (Hanban) and Hebei University, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar said it was indeed a meaningful recognition to all of the university staff.

"This would further enhance efforts taken in expanding potential international cooperation, with UMP CI contributing to the values to students and others as well," he added.

He said UMP CI would also play a role as a service provider for exchange student programme to universities in China, giving exposure and experience in culture and daily living practices as students in a foreign country and the opportunity to interact with locals.

Feng Jun also said there were 530 CIs in 155 countries and regions in the world including Malaysia with the Chinese University of Malaysia (UM) which was now already into its tenth year.

He said they were confident that with the good ties enjoyed by China and Malaysia, it would bring about more cooperation in culture, especially so with the year 2020 to be announced as the Tourism and Cultural Year in China.

Normah, in her speech, said the ministry truly welcomed efforts taken by UMP and Hebei University in setting up the CI to give more added values to the university, its community as well as the society.

She hoped that CI, being a centre of knowledge, would be extensively presented so its importance would be recognised by the university, its community and the people.

She added that this could be implemented by organising programmes such as cultural exchange activities for students to strengthen knowledge in the fields of science and technology but could also help generate economic activities for the country.

"I believe UMP, being a technical university, will be able to create opportunities from the establishment of a CI to share our expertise and transfer of technology, knowledge, development and research, as well as commercialisation of our products," he said.

"This will also make Malaysia an international education hub and so, more efforts should be taken to boost our education system," he said.

Normah said there were three other CIs in Malaysia - UM, Segi University and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

UMP also organised the Malaysia-China Cultural and Arts Festival involving students from Hebei University of Technology, showcasing the Chinese heritage such as the Chinese calligraphy and paintings, a lion dance and martial arts.

A forum was also held that discussed about the many aspects in educational and cultural exchange activities.

CAM's Open Day - The best platform to guide students in their academic journey

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Centre for Academic Management (CAM) Open Days was successfully held in both campus Pekan and Gambang.

It is seen as the best platform for the students to know and to get advice on the services offered for them by the university.

Director, Centre for Academic Management (CAM), Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Shahrir Mohd Sani said, the programme is the best academic management service to all universities's stakeholders in line with UMP's vision and mission.

"The organization of this programme is significant with the latest updates in new academic system and also to guide our undergraduates academic management.

"With the theme 'Togetherness #WeCare', it also brings together the involvement of those responsible for academic management.

"Number of activities were planned for students in this open day, including Academic Briefing, GPA/CGPA, also audition to become UMP TV newscaster. UMP TV is a medium in which latest news on campus can be spread further.

Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Shahrir Mohd Sani was present to launch the Pre Amour (pre-loved) Project programme targeting UMP students with financial difficulties.

He added, Pre Amour Project was inspired from the 'Gerobok Rezeki' Project, in which one dedicated collection of items such as clothes, scarves, bags and shoes for students to choose and bring home for free.

This project is also a continuation of MyGift UMP programme that is being actively pursued throughout the the local community.

Students from Faculty of Industrial Management, Siti Nabirah Amran, 22, said that this programme has been to learn the facilities, roles and functions of each departments in UMP. For example, the function of Centre for International Research and Education (CIReL) in offering online education through the Global Classroom Lecture initiative.

Other than CAM, other departments participated in this open day were Centre for Marketing & Academics (PNC), Student Affairs & Alumni Department (JHEPA), Counselling Unit, Bursary, Institute of Post Graduate Relations and Information, Communication & Technology Centre (ICT).

MyGift volunteers distribute *nasi lemak* for bre

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Starting 1 October 2019, a total of 400 packs of *nasi lemak* were distributed simultaneously at both campuses of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) before starting their early morning classes.

As early as 8.00 am, MyGift volunteers began distributing free *nasi lemak* to the students at various spots, including Block A and B in the Faculty of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering in Pekan, and Block W in Gambang.

MyGift UMP officer Mohd Jamil Mohd Jaafar said the program, called *MyNasi Lemak*, was one of the My breakfast before starting classes.

“The program will be implemented continuously until December this year.

"The students appreciate this initiative, which is aimed at helping students to get food," he said.

UMP introduced the MyGift program as an effort to raise donations from all parties to provide encouragement and infrastructure facilities for the students, or even to nurture the spirit of helping those in need.

The MyGift program is also introduced to facilitate the associates and alumni, as well as the public, establish the university's endowment fund.

UMP also welcomes contributions from all parties including UMP associates, students, alumni and incorporated bodies to support the donation culture for education in the university.

The public can also contribute through internet banking by visiting the MyGift portal at mygift.ump.edu.my for more information.

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