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Nor Syahirah attributes her success to consistent Dhuha and Tahajjud prayers

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) graduate, Nor Syahirah Mahmudin, 23 – one of this year's recipients of the Yayasan Pahang Award at the university's recent 14th Convocation – humbly attributed her secret to success to her consistent daily practice of the voluntary Islamic prayers of Dhuha and Tahajjud.

According to Nor Syahirah, she strongly believed that the routine practice of praying Dhuha and Tahajjud has helped her manage her daily activities, especially when it comes to concentrating on her studies.

"We can never depend solely on our efforts, but must definitely couple them with a strong faith in the Almighty, and always pray for His assistance," the award winner proclaimed.

"And for this success, all credits and praises go to the Almighty. I could have never imagined of being one of this year's Yayasan Pahang award recipients, as I had anticipated there are many more qualified candidates.

"My heartfelt gratitude also goes to my parents and family, for their blessings and prayers as well as for their unwavering and continuous support," expressed the elated Nor Syahirah.

She happily pointed out that her parents have always been the push factor for her success, always encouraging her to do her best while steadfastly upholding good relations with the Almighty, her lecturers and peers.

The Bentong, Pahang-born graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Infrastructure Management) with Hons.

She was also a six-time recipient of the Dean's List throughout her pursuit of tertiary education at UMP.

Nor Syahirah is now enrolled in the Shariah Graduate Trainee Programme at Hong Leong Islamic Bank in Menara Hong Leong, Kuala Lumpur. The programme provides an opportunity to fresh graduates to gain valuable knowledge and working experience in the field of Islamic banking.

The youngest of five siblings was also a proponent of volunteer activities – avidly believing that such participation lends a helping hand to the needy and endears one to the surrounding communities.

Aside from Nor Syahirah, four other recipients of this year’s Yayasan Pahang Award were S Thamilarasi A/P V Sithambaram, who graduated with a B.Eng. (Hons) Chemical Engineering; Sho Yun Feng – Bachelor of Project Management with Hons.; Ng Khee Khin – B.Eng. (Hons) Electrical Engineering (Electronics); and Nur Farziana Husein – B.Eng. (Hons) Manufacturing Engineering.

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