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# Empower Edu-Tour motivates 117 Orang Asli kids in Science and Mathematics

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The happiness can be clearly seen on the faces of 117 Orang Asli students from four primary schools around Pekan and Bera when they participate in the Empower Edu-Tour Programme at the Pahang Public Library on November 20, 2019.

They were students from Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Bukit Gemuruh, SK Iskandar, SK Bukit Rok and SK Permatang Keledang.

This programme is one of the human capital development programme initiatives organized by the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECER) in collaboration with UMP Advanced Education (UMPA) to inspire students to read and gain knowledge.

According to Acting General Manager for UMP Advanced Socioeconomics and Special Projects, Shamsulkahar Abdul Shukor, this programme was done with the objective to develop student's creativity as well as to build their interest to learn Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"By having this kind of programme, it will definitely draw their attention to read and to explore more of the library as a source of knowledge. They were exposed to all kind of interesting new things and will experienced from it," he added.

One of the participants, Nurul Ain Mohd Sam, 11, from SK Bukit Gemuruh said, she really loves to read.

"This library provides lots of books and the ambience is very cozy too," she added.

"I can't wait to tell my parents about it. I really hope to come here again with my family," she elaborates further.

Meanwhile, for Azief Farhan A / L Hamdi, 11, he was thrilled to be visiting Petrosains and Pahang Public Library for the first time.

"I was given the opportunity to learn how to make slime using safe materials. Although I did not get the chance to visit Petrosains in Kuala Lumpur but it did not disappoint me because we also have Petrosains at the Pahang Public Library. I get the chance to discover and explore so many interesting interactive activities here in Petrosains Kuantan," he said.

"Thank you ECER and UMP for organizing this programme," he added.

Empower Edu-Tour is part of Empower ECER Academic Training Programme developed to bridging

the economic gap between the rural and urban communities through implementation of academic programme designed to increase student’s academic performance as well as to enhance their vocational skills.

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