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Grounded by MCO, UMP student finally return

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The first batch of 1,154 students from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), public and private universitie started their journey back to hometowns in east coast region on 30 April 2020.

304 of them are from Pahang, 396 from Kelantan and 454 are from Terengganu.

The long awaited journey back home ended their 40 days of Movement Restricted Order (MCO) in campu of MCO on 18 March 2020.

Muhammad Hazamuddin Wan Hassan, 25 from Department of Civil Engineering, Engineering College UM
to return to his hometown in Tumpat, Kelantan.

“I was eagerly waiting for the approval to go home and was delighted and relieved when they informed me

“My family contacted me few days ago and were looking forward for me to get home,” he added.

He thanked the university, the ministry and authorities for their continuous dedication to bring the students b

Likewise, Nurliyana Mohamad Azmi, 27, from Faculty of Civil Engineering Technology, UMP was also touc
and even provided with meals.

“My parents keep calling me asking when I can come home. They often share latest update on Covid-19 ne

“All praise to Allah, our prayer were answered. I’m so happy to see all my friends from northern area ha

going back to Raub, Pahang.

In UMP, a total of 140 students, 26 Liaison Officer and more than 40 drivers have been screened for Cov
journey.

The remaining of 1,120 students were still in the campus waiting for the next trip back home expected to be

26 buses has been arranged to bring UMP students from UMP Pekan and UMP Gambang Campus back to

In addition, screening for symptoms (body temperature, sore throat, cough, colds and shortness of bre
Health Center (PKU) before travel clearance can be obtained.

Students are also reminded to maintain social distancing, to wear face masks throughout the journey ar
sanitizer.

Also present to witness the process of sending students home were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir.
Chief, Datuk Abd Jalil Hassan and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Professor Dato' Ts

Ramadan under the MCO is full of wisdo

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Ramadan is a very beautiful and special month in the hearts of Muslims.

This is a month of education and a month of faith-building, a month of self-empowerment with the best trai
high self-esteem to meet the challenges of life.

But the month of Ramadan celebrated this year is quite different from last year, which is celebrated with a
religious ceremonies.

It changed immediately due to the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak worldwide.

For Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) student, Muhammad Nazhif Mohd Azan, Ramadan this time had a
he had the opportunity to fast with his family at Wakaf Bharu, Kelantan.

"The situation is different because it is customary for his family to celebrate the first day of Ramadan in the
time we are only able to celebrate with our small family at home as we have to obey the instructions of the
the government for the sake of national security," he said.

According to Muhammad Nazhif, for the first time in Kelantan, the mosques became silent during Ramadan still ongoing, provided that they were held respectively at home with family doing *tarawih* with their father, m

“There is also no Ramadan Bazaar, as usual, serving various delicacies and special menus.

"Although the response is a bit less lively, however, it brings a thousand meanings as it allows spending mo

According to him, this peculiarity is wisdom that Allah the Almighty revealed, among allowing focusing mo improvement.

Muhammad Nazhif is grateful to fast with his family at home as there are more students still stranded at the

Same goes for Yasmin Izureen Ibrahim, she shared fond memories of fasting with friends on campus breaking fast at the UMP Ramadan Bazaar held in front of Residential College 3.

She was grateful to be allowed to celebrate the coming month of Ramadan this time with her beloved family

Looking back on the memories while on campus, breaking the fast with friends was greatly missed.

What's more, when buying foods at the UMP Ramadan bazaar located in front of Residential College 3.

She added that although Ramadan this year was celebrated as the country was still 'at war' with the COVID and adapt to the new norm during Ramadan this year.

“For example, if previous *tarawih* prayers were held in mosques and suraus, this year we could still perform

“Besides, due to the absence of Ramadan bazaars this year, we can cook at home with family which will ce

"Knowledge sharing sessions can also be held using social media platforms as examples of live broad Facebook and Instagram," she said.

Meanwhile, students of the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering Technology, Haziq Mohamad I condition during the MCO provided him with a new experience than ever before.

Every year students do not miss the tradition of Ramadan by doing communal work preparing food and b UMP mosques in UMP Pekan and UMP Gambang Campus.

However, he was grateful for the good health and was happy to hear from his family members also in good

Ramadan this time is also very special as he learns new knowledge, becoming the imam for *tarawih* prayer

In compliance with health and safety regulations especially in maintaining social distance as a result o conducted at the mosque.

Islamic Center for Human Development (PIMPIN) organized an online program through the Ramada
programs, Da'I Interactive Challenge, Qiam On9 Challenge, Ask Experts, *Dhuha* Lectures, *Khatam* al-Qu
line with the implementation of the MCO in our country.



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