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# The new norm of MINDS UMP is broadcast online

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Pekan, 18 October 2020 - A total of 30 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) students successfully implemented the Student Induction Week 2020 (MINDS '20) program which took place online from 14 to 18 October recently involving a total of 2,110 new students for the registration session 2020/2021.

Starting with work in August, this group of students began their work with the search for moderators and facilitators and began planning work in full swing in September.

At that time, selected students gained knowledge and skills by participating in the Moderator Workshop, Graphic Video, Photography, Microsoft, Teambuilding as well as attending MINDS implementation meetings as well as video recordings to prepare for the implementation of the program online.

According to the Director of MINDS 20', Nurul Ishafira Ismail who is a student from the Faculty of Computing, facing the Covid-19 pandemic situation is challenging for students as they have to plan with two MINDS workforce.

“Initially, we planned with the implementation of online hostel registration but due to the increasing cases lately, the registration of hostels and the admission of new students to campus had to be postponed.

"We take took as a wisdom because in this way we can reduce the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 Pandemic outbreak," she said when met at UMPTV Studio.

“We really appreciate the commitment of the facilitators who are willing to work hard and sacrifice time to launch this MINDS program.

"Besides that, many thanks for the support and assistance of UMP staff, especially the staff of the Department of Student and Alumni Affairs (JHEPA), Student Representative Council (MPP), and The Office of SUARA UMP for jointly making this MINDS online a success," she said.

Meanwhile, according to the Yang di-Pertua MPP, Mohd Fitri Zulkafli, the implementation of MINDS this time recorded a new history to welcome and celebrate the presence of new students as part of the large family of UMP.

"MINDS'20 planning is dynamic and requires the organizers to adapt change after change in new norms in line with government directives in particular and the current situation of the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic in general," he said.

However, he said, MINDS’20 is loaded with campus life slots including the Vice-Chancellor Talk, academic slots with the faculty, student activity slots, and many more which demands the commitment of the entire MINDS’20 Secretariat workforce in collaboration with MPP and the

university management.

"We are grateful when the MINDS'20 journey went smoothly.

“The implementation of online TnL also requires the cooperation of all students to remain active in interacting with lecturers and fellow students during the lecture sessions.

"Hopefully students can take wisdom on everything that happens and can adapt teaching and learning (TnL) with this new norm," he said.

He added that although TnL is online, there are still many more interesting programs organized by UMP that can be engaged online.

“My advice is for students to continue asking questions as usual to the lecturers and make full use of the chat box to discuss with fellow students during the lecture session.

“Make sure to always review the lessons because the factor of distance learning is definitely a big challenge for all students.

"Students should also always be in touch with the Academic Advisor or MPP, especially for those who have problems with internet access at home, as they can get help provided by the university," he said.

Most importantly, he said, always abide by the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) set, as well as carry out beneficial and productive activities wherever they are.

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