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# Culture and Arts Activities add excitement to UMP Convocation Expo

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised a culture and arts event, 'Santai Seni Warisan', that simply add to the fun of the Convocation Expo that was held in conjunction with the university's 13th Convocation Ceremony scheduled on November 10 and 11 at its Gambang Campus Sports Complex.

The event was jointly organised by Department of Student Affairs and Alumni and UMP Sports and Cultural Centre at Pekan on October 27, 2018.

It was held for the first time at Pekan River Front in Pekan, attracting huge crowds including families of graduands as well as the public.

Apart from enjoying the many cultural song and dance performances- performed by UM students themselves, playing traditional games and even taking part in a zumba session, members of the public also got to know more about UMP especially its academic programme and scientific research achievements. The younger children also got to participate in a drawing competition.

The event was officially launched by UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim. Also present were UMP Chief Operating Officer and Registrar, Abd Hamid Majid, Department of Pahang Cultural and Arts Deputy Director, Norazlin Nordin, UMP Student Development Dean, Ts. Dr. Mohamad Mat Nor, Director of Sports and Culture Centre Abd. Rahman Haji Safie, Programme Director for 'Santai Seni Warisan' 2018, Nur Ain Syazliana Mohd Adnan and Director of Expoconvo 2018, Siti Aishah Darmawansyah.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said the university deeply appreciated the cooperation rendered by Pekan District Council and agencies in Pekan for their involvement in the programme as well as in high-impact initiatives that contributed to local socio-economy development.

"UMP would like to share its joy on attaining a number of achievements. If previously, UMP campus is known as one of the landmarks in Pekan, the people of Pekan cannot be even more delightful as the university has just been listed by QS University Rankings as the best technical university in Malaysia and among the 188 best universities in Asia.

"Apart from getting the five-star rating UMP has also been recognised as the fastest developing technology university in Malaysia. The success, achievement and international recognition can further enhance its standing as a prestigious landmark of Pekan and be the pride of the people of this Royal Town," he said.

He hoped that this would help boost good ties between UMP community and the locals, in line with

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the university's Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and its theme, 'Communitising University'.

One of the visitors who came to the event, Azwi Dalily Sulaiman, 34, from Ketapang Tengah, said programme such as this was appropriately done in Pekan as it indirectly helped to liven up the place.

"Also, programmes such as this can bring the children together, spending the weekends and getting involved in various activities with the UMP students," he added.

Programme Director Siti Aishah Darmawansyah said this year's theme was 'Recalling Memories', featuring many interesting activities for people from all walks of life for the next one month.

"The highlight would be the convocation ceremony," she said.

She added that among the activities outlined were Black Night Run, Blush with Brush, Cake Deco Competition, a concert, Santai bersama Da'i Syed, Kid Zone, Street [Science@Gallery](#) a forum for youths on health and [STEM@UMP](#) Competition.

There are also stalls and service counters set up by Road Transport Department, Tabung Haji Board, Ar-Rahnu and Kuantan Municipal Council (MPK).

The programme provides an opportunity for the public to participate. For more information, call the secretariat at 09-549 2545.

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