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**Sultan Ahmad Shah's demise a huge loss to**

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The recent passing of His Royal Highness Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Ismail Shah on May 22, 2019, was overwhelmingly felt by all across the State of Pahang Darul Makmur, especially Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP).

According to the university's Vice-Chancellor cum Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Professor Ir Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Ahmad, Sultan Ismail Shah was a ruler, builder and engineer, embodied into one, who brought invaluable development and progress to the State.

“Various educational development projects were carried out during his reign at the State, including the establishment of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) in Pekan - now accredited as an iconic world class technological university, whose foundation was laid on November 1996.

The late Sultan continued to make further significant contributions to the progress of UMP, and was conferred with a Doctorate in Philosophy in Civil Engineering at the university's Commemorative and 4th Convocation a decade ago in 2009.

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In his honor, UMP has subsequently published a coffee table autobiography called 'The Ruler, The Builder, The Feats and Leadership in Bringing about Modernization and Prosperity for the Benefits of the People of Pahang'.

On behalf of all at the university, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar expressed and extended his heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of their beloved Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah.

“Everyone at UMP is saddened by his sudden passing and feels an overwhelming loss by the void left behind.”

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## **A Wonderful Ramadan at UMP with RM130,000 contribution**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) received a sum of RM130,000 from Etiqa, the insurance and takaful company, to support the needy and cheers to many of the undergraduates and the needy in the holy month of Ramadan.

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The amount also involved allocations to be utilised for other community programmes such as aids for programme that was scheduled at the end of the year.

Etiqa Family Takaful Berhad and Etiqa General Takaful Berhad Chairman, Dato' Majid Mohamad, who presented the contribution to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff during the 'Ira' held at UMP Mosque, Gambang Campus on May 25, 2019.

Also present was UMP Board of Directors' Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad.

Thirty undergraduates received financial aids that would be used to cover their educational expenses while lived in Kuantan received hampers comprising daily essential needs.

Some 1,000 students also joined the breaking of fast at the event.

According to Professor Dr. Wan Azhar, UMP believed that more undergraduates could be helped if the univer

"As such, UMP hopes that more donors would come forward and contribute to this noble and worthy cause.

"We also deeply appreciate the contributions made by Etiqa and many thanks to UMP Board of Directors' in making the endowment ecosystem a dynamic one," he said.

With such commitment, he was confident that UMP and Etiqa would continue to work together for the pu nation culture and the community through charity works carried out from time to time.

Since 2011 until 2018, Etiqa has made various contributions that totalled to RM530,000.

The establishment of UMP as a public university is not only tasked to look after the welfare of its staff a living around its campus.

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**UMP Alumni shared joy of happiness with orphans and the *asnaf*  
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Their faces lit with joy and happiness upon having the chance to choose their own clothes for the coming A

They were 110 children aged between five and 17 who were orphans and from the asnaf group who were b under the '*Ziarah Prihatin Aidilfitri Projek Baju Raya.*'

The event, held in Kuantan on May 25, 2019, was organised by the Graduate Alumni Association, Unive Ikram Foundation (*I-Bantu*), Member of Parliament for Kuantan Office, *Ikram Muda* Pahang, *Gema* Pahang Affairs and Alumni Department.

Also present were Member of Parliament for Kuantan, Fuziah Salleh, who is also Deputy Minister in the Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and UMP Alumni Deputy Pre

The programme started at 9 am, involving 50 volunteers comprising alumni, staff and UMP students as Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

According to Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie, the programme was aimed at helping the local community and and students.

He also said activities such as this would help cheer up the children and make Ramadan a more meaningful

"They get to enjoy the celebration of Aidilfitri which will be soon. We hope that they will celebrate the festivi to be happy.

"That is why we try our best to entertain them with this shopping spree," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude to the many individuals and NGOs who had chipped in to make the project

He added that there were several other activities that had been planned for the children including the receive new school uniforms and other necessities scheduled at the end of the year.

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## **3MT Competition attracts PhD students to showcase**

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The Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS) at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently conducted the 3MT Competition at the Tun Fatimah Hall of the university's Gambang Campus on April 30, 2019.

Currently in its sixth-year running, since it was first hosted in 2014, the 2019 version saw three categories: Science & Technology and Social Science.

This year also witnessed new contest runs and prizes being introduced – with the three categories held over the best two from each category selected to compete in the final.

In the qualifying round, each category winner will receive RM200 cash and a certificate, while their runner-up will receive a certificate each.

Meanwhile, in the final round, top seed will bag RM500 cash, while second and third placings will get RM300 each.

All three will take home a plaque and a certificate each.

Judges for the qualifying round comprised deputy deans from the eight faculties at UMP, including Centre for Management Learning and Humanistic Studies (CMLHS).

Meanwhile, for the final round, four honorable judges were selected from different fields of study, including Engineering, Law, Business, and Health Sciences.

They were IPS Dean, Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah Harun; IPS Deputy Dean, Professor Datin Dr. Mimi Saad; Dr. Chiam Kee Swan; and an industry expert with over two decades of experience, Mohd Ghazali Maarof.

Dr. Chiam also doubles as UMP coach for the national level competition, while Mohd Ghazali is also a lecturer in the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM).

The overall winners at UMP's 3MT Competition 2019 will be assessed and coached to represent the university at the national level competition scheduled to be held at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) on June 25, 2019.

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**UMP acknowledged the sacrifices of its security personnel**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Registrar Department distributed 29 biscuit packs to its security personnel for the Aidilfitri celebration as a mark of appreciation to the sacrifice they had to make during the festive season.

The goodies were presented by UMP Pro-Registrar, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie at Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery.

Also present at the event were Head of Security Division, Ahmad Fauzi Ahmad Bakri and Manager of Security Department, Hajah Sabarehan Haji Ismail.

Abd Rahman said this was an annual tradition and that it was a show of appreciation for their commitment to the security of the campuses in Kuantan and Pekan during the festive celebration.

"At the time when UMP staff are spending their long holidays, the security personnel remain committed to the security of the campuses and we shall not forget their contribution.

"UMP has always put emphasis on the welfare and wellbeing of its staff," he said.

Security personnel Nurzatul Syida Zahari said, it was a meaningful gesture on the part of UMP and she was grateful.

She added that working during the festive season was already something that she got used to and that her duties were carried out accordingly.

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**PIMPIN organised Amazing al-Quran Semi**

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Islamic Centre & Human Development (PIMPIN), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised the Am conjunction with the Nuzul al-Quran Day at Tun Fatimah Hall, UMP Gambang Campus on April 15, 2019.

Programme Director, Amira Abdullah said the aim was to enlighten participants about the benefits one can serve as soup for the soul, providing soothe and calmness to the soul.

"They also got to learn the verses that showed the best way to build a happy family.

"A total of 61 participants took part in the four-hour seminar, consisting of staff and students.

"There were two slots with the first titled, '*Menikmati Keagungan al-Quran Dalam Jiwa*' (Revelling in the Element), delivered by invited speaker Dr. Abdul Latif.

"The second slot was titled, '*al-Quran Penawar Keluarga Bahagia*' (al-Quran, the Remedy for a Happy Family Sulaiman," she said.

Also present at the programme was PIMPIN Director, Dr. Mahyuddin Ismail.

Dr. Abdul Latif is a lecturer at Faculty of Wahyu Knowledge and Human Sciences at International Islamic University and in Islamic and Western Psychology and in Islamic Thoughts.

In his talk, Dr. Abdul Latif said al-Quran served to create awareness to mankind, to motivate and remind mankind.

"It was also a source for treating and healing of diseases," he added.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mansor is a lecturer at Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) and is a lecturer in Islamic and Syariah.

He spoke on the guidance stated in the al-Quran that would help towards having a happy family – that is, having a good moral character, performed a lot of zikir and to have a healthy conscience and a healthy body.

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UMP also organised 14 programmes throughout the Ramadan Festival in its Kuantan Campus and Pekan Islamic and Malay Custom Council (MUIP) and the Office of the Vice-Chancellor's MyGift Unit.

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## **UMP and UMK undergraduates infusing interest in STRE**

A total of 40 undergraduates from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) participated in the programme 'Life and [Journey@Pengkalan](#) Chepa', aimed at creating interest on science and technology among pupils in Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

The programme which was held on April 28, 2019 was also aimed at motivating the pupils to improve their

It was organised by UMP Student Representative Council (MPP), with the support of UMK Student Volunteer *Wataniah*.

The collaboration forged between the two universities allowed for further enhancement of networking and opportunities for students to invent and learn more about science and technology.

The programme involved 80 pupils from the school.

According to Programme Director and UMP MPP's Exco for Volunteerism and Community Service, Ezwan, the programme was designed to help students to learn about emergency care and treatment through courses held with the government agencies.

“The opportunity to establish a collaboration such as this is expected to benefit undergraduates from both institutions. Together with the pupils highlight the elements in science, technology, religion, engineering, art and mathematics.”

As for Muhammad Qayyim Mohd Awie, UMP Kelab Wataniah President and an undergraduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering (FKMP), he said the collaboration gave the opportunity for the university students to build up their knowledge and skills.

Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI) undergraduate Pushparani A/P Chadayam said, she was glad to enhance the good ties developed among the university students and that it was a good platform for them to share their experiences.

“However, what made it more interesting was to be able to meet the pupils and enlighten them about the university life.”

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