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**8 UMP staff invited to perform pilgrimage this Ha**

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A total of eight staff from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has been invited to perform their pilgrimage this year.

The eight would-be Haji and Hajah are couple Ts Dr. Nafrizuan Mat Yahya from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, his wife Ts Dr. Azlyna Senawi from the Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FIST); Dr. Fadhlur R. Md. Yusoff from the Faculty of Science, Adilah Ahmad Abdul Ghani and Hasmanie Abdul Halim from the Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources, Dr. Nawi from the Faculty of Engineering Technology (FTeK); Paridah Mohd Ali from the Department of Student Services, and Salleh Abdul Basit from UMP Health Centre.

The university's Registry held a Safe Journey & Farewell do at the Banquet Hall of the Tun Abdul Razak Centre on July 1, 2019.

The religious ceremony was graced by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Ts Dr. Kamal Zuhairi, who presented the eight staff with contributions from the university.

According to Professor Ts Dr. Kamal Zuhairi, the fact that UMP holds an annual farewell celebration for its staff is a testament to university management's appreciation of the accomplishments its staff have made, both in excellent service and research.

"Making it to the selection and listing of would-be Haj pilgrims for each Haj Season is a personal success for many, and it has great meaning and weight," he said, emphasizing that the selection and offer process by the national Pilgrimage Agency, *Tabung Haji*, takes a long while, especially when the waiting list is also very long.

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Now that the eight have made it to list, Professor Ts Dr. Kamal Zuhairi advised them to perform their Haj to being and safety while in the Holy Land.

For would-be Hajjah, Ts Dr. Azlyna, 38, said she is thankful for the contribution and safe passage prayer she

She truly did not expect to be selected to perform her Haj with her husband this Hijrah year, as they were on

“Am hopeful that all the travel, accommodation and Haj arrangements will go smoothly, and that we are accepted by the Almighty, in which the pilgrim observes the conditions that validate the deed and make it a

Prior to the farewell do, all the eight staff underwent a Haj Intensive Seminar – highlights of the important Dr. Muhamad Hilmi Mat Said and Ustaz Abdul Kamil Jamaludin, both of whom lectures at the Centre for (CMLHS).

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## **Indonesian undergraduates learned about fertigation s**

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Twenty one undergraduates from Universiti Andalas, Padang in Indonesia and volunteers from Universiti community service programme involving UMP Technology Sdn. Bhd. (UMPT) eggplant fertigation site that v

The programme was held for two days - July 9 and 10, 2019 and undergraduates who took part in the prog medicine, science and politics and agriculture.

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There were briefing sessions that highlighted works to be carried out throughout the programme and among them were pruning of the leaves and harvesting the eggplants.

The participants were also taught on how to separate the eggplants according to the grades and learned about

According to one of the participants, livestock management course student Muhammad Fiqi Herman said he had a good experience where they got to apply lessons learned in the classroom and practice it with the outside community.

“It makes the knowledge gained more significant and at the same time, brought about benefits for the people here.”

He was also touched by the warm response from his friends from UMP and planned to invite them over to UMP.

Another participant and communications undergraduate Salsabila Utama, said she was very excited about the opportunity to make new friends here.

“I also got to know more about UMP and exchanged a lot of information and gained valuable experience from the participants.”

UMPT General Manager, Dr. Nur Aainaa Syafini Mohd Radzi said the participants were really enthusiastic about the site that had produced some 15,000 eggplant trees of different sizes.

“The eggplants are now being harvested,” she said, adding, staff from ICoN also showed their support by assisting with the community service work.

She hoped that through programmes such as this, participants would be able to gain knowledge and experience that had been successfully implemented in UMP Gambang Campus.

She also said UMPT had entertained other parties such as Etiqa and that there were interests expressed in the university’s expertise in fertigation technology.

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