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UMP goes the extra mile to assist new undergraduates

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently went the extra mile to help new undergraduate, Amrina Rusyad, from Gambang, after she was offered to enroll for a Bachelor's Degree in Project Management at the university.

Relating the benevolence experience, Amrina's mother, Rohana Rashid, 52, said she was elated when her daughter started her tertiary studies at UMP, but became worried of the cost she had to bear to send her over.

Being a single mother from Kampung Singkir Genting in Merbok, Kedah, Rohana said it had never crossed her mind to be a recipient of UMP's extraordinary goodwill assistance – in arranging the logistics for her daughter to travel and settle in.

She had initially thought of seeking help from Amrina's uncle to drive them to the university in time for the new semester.

But, just a few days before the registration, Rohana was pleasantly surprised by a call from UMP, with the arrangements to come fetch and drive the whole family to the university.

According to Rohana, she couldn't believe her luck, and was even skeptical that a public institution of higher learning could provide such assistance.

"We've all heard of financial assistance provided by universities for academically outstanding students, but the provision of transportation to the campus for registration is truly extraordinary," she exclaimed.

"In fact, I had to ask around, with relatives and neighbours, if they've heard of such provision. And all reactions were of surprise of such assistance," Rohana remarked.

But to her disbelief, come registration day on Saturday (date here), 2019, UMP staff appeared at Rohana's home.

From that memorable moment, her skepticism turned into an emotional experience, having been inspired by the university's benevolence.

Rohana felt ever more touched, when UMP did not only provide transportation from her home in Merbok to the university, but further to accommodate the family at the university's guest residence, complete with in-house meals throughout the registration period.

"My heartfelt gratitude to UMP for extending a helping hand and all the assistance. For a *Nasi Lemak* seller, the cost of such itself would have cost the university more than RM500 – that is a substantially significant amount to spare," she expressed.

Having been encouraged by such benevolence experience, Rohana strongly advised Amrina to study and work hard.

Concurring with her mother, Amrina said she was deeply touched by UMP's display of extraordinary compassion.

Together with 69 other new undergraduates, Amrina was also a recipient of the university's MyGift Incentive for the 2019/2020 Bachelor's Degree enrolment on September 2, 2019.

Each recipient gets RM1,000 cash assistance from the Bank Rakyat Foundation's Fund on Tertiary Education.

PAKAD holds workshop to help SPM students master SPM

By: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. FATMAWATI ADAM, FACULTY OF CHEMICAL AND PROCESS ENG

Lecturers from the Academic Association (PAKAD) of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently held an
Five students at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Agama Pahang (SMKAP) in Muadzam Shah prepare
examination this year.

Dubbed the 'CSR Akademik PAKAD 2019', the programme also aimed to boost students' comprehension
Physics, Chemistry and Biology, as well as Mathematics.

Held for two consecutive days on August 6 and 7 at the university's Gambang Campus, the corporate soc
UMP lecturers and 11 postgraduate students mentor 33 students under the supervision of 12 teachers from

According to PAKAD President, Mohd Hairul Ab Rahim, such CSR programme was conducted in line with
academic staff to be more proactive in community services.

"We also hope such programme will help establish a cordial working relationship between UMP academi
sharing and transferring of knowledge and expertise in the teaching and learning of science-based subject n

Programme Director, Associate Professor Dr. Fatmawati Adam of the Faculty of Chemical & Process Eng
final year secondary school students will also be opportuned to reinforce their understanding of proactive
the concepts of Chemistry in a real-world laboratory.

“Furthermore, these students will get to experience campus life with an overnight stay at the university residence.”

One of the academic staff-participants, Dean of Centre of Science Mathematics, Associate Professor Dr. M. M. Yusoff, said that the mentors came up with several creative activities, including games and techniques, to inculcate interest in the potentially difficult four subject matters.

“We had Mathematical games as well as demonstrations on the Laws of Ohm and Latent Heat to illustrate electrical conductance, and thermodynamics, respectively,” exuded the Associate Professor.

Meanwhile, SMKAP Headmaster, Ustaz Abdul Rahim Mohamad, extended his gratitude and appreciation for the contributions, which have significantly helped instill interest in the secondary school students to the comprehension of the SPM examination subjects.

The 'CSR Akademik PAKAD 2019' programme also saw the students attending a motivational workshop on 'Islamic Quranic Teachings (Sunnatullah)', conducted by Ustaz Ahmad Irfan Ikmal Hisham from UMP's Centre of Islamic Studies.

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