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## 36 SPM leavers are excited to be at UMP

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A total of 36 SPM leavers along with five teachers from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Chiku 2, Gua Musang experienced the campus life in Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) on 3 December 2019. This two-day and one-night programme provided them with the boost to create success and path to university. According to Zainuddin Yusof, the Principal of SMK Chiku 2, the programme was aimed to expose the students in choosing the right course in the institutes of higher learning (IHL) in line with their SPM results.

“I want them to make the best choice that must be based on the entry requirements and their interests in any field to be pursued.

“To make it more meaningful, the students can experience the facilities in UMP, especially the technologies available at the laboratories for teaching and learning.

“UMP has been close to these students as several motivational programmes had been conducted especially involving UMP InSmartive Club,” he said.

According to Rabiatul Asyikin Mohd Zaki, 17, who participated in the programme, all students had the opportunity to gain knowledge so that they could prepare for the future and make an informed decision about the course that they plan to enrol into.

“I feel delighted because not everyone has the chance to get into university.

“The two-day experience in UMP has been invaluable to us, and we hope the partnership between the school and UMP continues,” she said.

She added that UMP Library is appealing. It is not only a place to borrow books and find references but also a place for student self-management and development after a long tiring day in classes. They also had the chance to visit and try the facilities available in the library such as the karaoke room, virtual reality games using PlayStation 4 and Xbox, and various high-tech games with the latest software.

The students also participated in a motivational programme with the cooperation of UMP students from InSmartive Club.

Two new modules were introduced — Growth Mindset Challenge and Wheel of Fortune. The contents of the modules were designed based on the six aspirations of the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013–2025, which are knowledge, thinking skills, leadership skills, bilingual proficiency, ethics and spirituality, and national identity. The excitement of joining this short visit catalysed their spirit to earn a place in university for pursuing study.

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