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Regent of Pahang officiates Jom Masuk IPT Zone 2 Pahang

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His Royal Highness the Regent of Pahang Tengku Mahkota Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah Ibni Sultan Abdullah Al-Mustafa Ri'ayatuddin Billah Shah recently graced and officiated the Jom Masuk IPT Zone 2 Pahang organised by the Department of Higher Education (JPT), Ministry of Education Malaysia that saw Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) as the host at the Sports Complex, UMP Gambang on 22 February 2020.

The event provides a platform for secondary school students, diploma holders or its equivalent, parents, teachers and local communities to gain information to enrol in higher education in various local institutions.

He said that future students should seize the opportunities that are available to choose a programme that suits their interest and job market.

"When the opportunity of higher education is obtained, strive hard for success to make your family proud.

"Avoid the 3k syndrome: kuliah (lecture), kafeteria (cafeteria) and katil (bed). Academic excellence is no longer a guarantee for securing a job in the future.

"Therefore, all students must look for opportunities, improve personal and soft skills such as leadership, public speaking, creative and critical thinking, as well as build self-confidence, for those qualities are essential in the workforce later," he said.

Meanwhile, the UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff remarked that the opportunities are made available to students and school-leavers to make informed decisions about the choice of suitable programme and university to pursue study and realise their career in the future.

"Following the primary objective of this event as a medium to connect the higher education sector with the community, this event gathers more than 100 exhibitors from various higher education institutions and providers to benefit more than 25,000 students, school-leavers, teachers, parents and the public," he said.

In this event, students and parents have the opportunity to meet directly with representatives from universities and colleges to get information about further studies, existing education funding, policies and procedures for online admission application and its requirements.

Meanwhile, the Director of Student Admission Division (IPTA) JPT, Wahi Nordin, said that Jom Masuk IPT was introduced in 2004 and it is the signature programme of the ministry.

Last year, more than 199,000 applications for public universities and public skills training institutions (ILKA) were received, and 138,000 candidates were offered to study in public universities,

polytechnics, community colleges and ILKA for SPM holders.

“This year, we organise this event in eight zones, and this is Zone 2. We expect more applications after this because it is estimated around 20,000 to 25,000 visitors in each event,” he said after the event.

He suggested that all candidates browse the portal upu.moe.gov.my before applying via UPUOnline so that they know the programmes offered by 20 public universities, matriculation colleges, Institutes of Teacher Education (IPG), polytechnics, community colleges and four ILKAs.

In addition to educational and sponsorship exhibition, also held was the science and technology demonstrations including Lego Mindstorm Robot, Augmented Reality (AI) Educational Book, Social Robot (Facial Emotion Recognition) dan Kit STEM Bot.

Also attended were the Pahang Menteri Besar, Dato’ Sri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, UMP Pro-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Abi Musa Asa’ari Mohamed Nor, the Chairman of the UMP Board of Directors, Dato’ Sri Ibrahim Ahmad, Deputy Director-General, Professor Dr. Cairul Iqbal Mohd Amin and the Chairman of Jom Masuk IPT Zone 2, Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd. Rosli Hainin.

As one of the universities in the Malaysian Technological University Network (MTUN), this event also provided the opportunity for parents and students to learn about higher level technical and vocational education and training (TVET) that offers employment in the market of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0) era.

Starting the 2020/2021 academic session, UMP offers six diploma programmes and 36 undergraduate programmes including Bachelor of Technology programmes that prepare competent and proficient students in technical areas to meet the industrial needs.

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