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# Postgraduate Students Receive UMP Foundation Scholarship

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Pekan, 14 July 2020 - UMP Foundation expanded their funds' distribution with the introduction of scholarships for postgraduate students to aid students in paying for tuition fees and helping to cover expenses and pocket money while they undertake their education and research at Universiti Malaysia Pahang.

For the first time, 20 students qualified for the UMP Foundation Scholarship (Masters – Research) as an impetus for them to continue to focus in carrying out experiments, field research and journal publications until they complete their studies.

The scholarship was delivered by the UMP Foundation Chairman, Dato' Sri Md. Sharif Shamsuddin.

Also present were the UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and Dean of Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS), Professor Datin Ts. Dr. Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim.

In his speech, Dato' Sri Md. Sharif hopes that the students can do their best in their studies and contribute back to UMP Foundation after completing their studies.
He believes this scholarship attracts interest and act as an incentive for even more undergraduate students to further their studies to the postgraduate level in the future.

"Always keep UMP Foundation in mind and be thankful for the benefactors from the corporate body, zakat and external parties.

"Your contribution towards UMP Foundation will benefit even more beneficiaries," he said.

Dato' Sri Md. Sharif also advised students who have completed their studies and are affected by the Covid-19 pandemic to persevere in finding a place in the workforce.

They are also recommended to continue their studies at a higher level if they can afford it.

Students are also encouraged to enrol in competency certificates and short courses such as occupational safety and health, quality control and others.

A scholarship recipient from the Faculty of Industrial Sciences and Technology (FSTI), Siratulakma Abdul Rahman said that it has always been her dream to further her study to the postgraduate level after finishing her bachelors' degree.

However, considering her financial struggles, she chose to work before that and never predicted she would have the chance to further her study to masters, much less to be selected to receive the UMP Foundation scholarship.

She is determined to do her best until she finishes her study and gives back to society.

According to Surenthiran Gnanasekaran from the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering Technology (FTKKP), this scholarship instils a new drive to study hard and hopes that one day he can serve his family, university and society.

UMP Foundation has spent RM2.2 million to contribute towards the incentive for new students for university entry fees, excellence incentives and master's degree scholarships of RM260,000.

To date, UMP Foundation has distributed RM9,056,195 to 70,464 beneficiaries such as UMP's excellent students, poor students, beneficiaries of zakat (asnaf), B40, international students and local community whether in Pahang or within Malaysia as well as those in need.

UMP Foundation, once known as MyGift UMP, was established on 1 October 2016.

It was established to collect funds from the public, companies or institutions for the welfare of UMP students by funding education and community programs as well as providing additional learning facilities to be used by the students and the university.

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