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## Dream become reality

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Growing up with the view of a university, it has always been Muhammad Nur Amirul Faiz Mohd

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Norafizd dream to continue his studies at a university.

But, who would have thought that his dream eight years ago would have come true today, when he was offered to further his study in a bachelor degree programme here at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP).

Feeling blessed and grateful, Muhammad Nur Amirul Faiz Mohd Norafizd was also lucky to have been selected as one of the recipients of the UMP Foundation Matriculation Excellence Incentive Aid, an incentive which is given to student who has shown excellent performance in matriculation level. According to Muhammad Nur Amirul Faiz, he himself did not expect to receive a visit from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs), Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yusserrie Zainuddin who came to hand over the offer letter as well as the donation.

During the 30 minutes visit to his house in Taman Tanjung Selangor, Pekan, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yusserrie Zainuddin, who is also the Deputy Chairman of UMP Foundation, gave words of encouragement and advices for him to study hard.

"I am touched by the efforts showed by the UMP Foundation to help the new students who were affected by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) decision on the postponement of physical and face-to-face registration.

"Many of these new students including myself are not allowed to come to UMP for registration. Nevertheless, UMP still cares for us.

"I am so grateful and sincerely thanked UMP for this contribution which can at least ease the financial burden faced by my parents and definitely will be used wisely," he said.

The son of Mohd Norafizd Awang and Amimah Abdul Wahab also told that after the SPM result was announced, he tried his luck to further his study at UMP, but unlucky for him, luck was not on his side.

Therefore, he is determined to continue his studies at Pahang Matriculation College.

He chose UMP as the first option when filling out the UPU form and did not think his application this time was successful. Muhammad Nur Amirul Faiz will be pursuing his study in the Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering programme.

He dreamed of pursuing his study in UMP ever since he was 12.

"I still remember participating in a programme with UMP students, including the Empower ECER Programme that was held at my school, Sekolah Kebangsaan Serandu.

"I am firm with my decision to continue my studies at UMP, which is known for its Engineering and Technology programme, despite the teasing from friends asking why didn't I choose university outside of Pahang."

"I can't wait to start my class and join the Student Induction Week from 14th to 18th October 2020 which will be conducted online due to the spread of Covid-19 that hit the nation," he added.

Apart from him, a total of 45 new students of the 2020/2021 Academic Session was also selected to receive the UMP Matriculation Excellence Incentive-UMP Foundation this time.

This incentive is given to matriculation students who achieve CGPA result of 3.5 and above and successfully continue their studies at UMP and meet the criteria set by the university.

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