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UMP remains tradition of eating in trays to close ukhuwah

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KUANTAN, 8 March 2023 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) continues to maintain its tradition during Ramadan by providing free iftar meals using the trays to its residents who break their fast at the UMP Mosque, Gambang and Pekan Campuses for more than ten years.

It will surely spur the nostalgia of dining using trays for those who have ever studied at this university.

As usual, the meal will be served in a tray for five to six people and the concept is taken from the sunnah of the Rasulullah (PBUH), which greatly benefits and bridges the relationship between each other.

The UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie Zaiuddin also spent time with students to prepare meals and break the fast at the UMP Mosque.



He said this tradition was maintained at this university which could indirectly bridge the relationship between its residents.

More interestingly, the preparation of cooking is carried out in gotong-royong involving staff and

student volunteers based on schedules set on each day since 1 Ramadan.

In the meantime, UMP also provides roller conveyors, which are a set of food distributions to make it easier for volunteers to provide meals for the congregation in a neat, efficient and safe manner.



This set consists of a waist-level pot container and a conveyor roller made of lightweight aluminium to place dish trays at UMP Gambang Campus.

Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie added, all expenses were from staff contributions in cash or through salary deductions for university staff who intend to donate in a blessed month," he said.

"Iftar meals are prepared for 2,000 students using donations from corporate organisations, UMP subsidiaries, Yayasan UMP Ramadan Fund and departments received from external parties including individuals and corporations who contribute through Yayasan UMP.



This year, RM240,000 is targeted with coordination under the Islamic and Human Development Centre (PIMPIN) to provide iftar meals to UMP students during this Ramadan.

Also present at the ceremony were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Ts. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli and the President of UMP Students' Representative Council (MPP), Agha Khilfi Suarno.

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