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400 UMP students receive Taqwa Foundation donation benefits

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PEKAN, 7 June 2023 - A total of 400 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) students have received educational assistance from The Taqwa Foundation of the Federal Territories with a total value of RM200,000 which includes living allowances, student zakat assistance, food vouchers, and Professional Training Incentives through the university's expertise.

Through the SISWA+ Laptop Assistance Program, 20 selected students have received donations in the form of laptops and internet data, with a donation value of RM66,596.00.

The ceremony witnessed the Chairman of UMP's Board of Directors, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, who is also the Chairman of UMP Foundation, receiving a replica of the donation from the Chairman of Taqwa Foundation, Professor Mohd Roslan Mohd Nor.

Also present at the ceremony were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, and Chief Executive Officer of Taqwa Foundation, Haji Zabidi Nasan.

According to Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Abdul Aziz, they appreciate the contribution from Taqwa Foundation in ensuring that students from needy families and asnaf families receive assistance to enhance their learning and education.

"UMP Foundation was established to collect and manage funds from the public, companies, and institutions for the welfare of UMP students and to finance educational programmes, community programmes, and provide additional learning facilities used by students and the university.

"UMP Foundation has distributed assistance amounting to RM3.3 million to 2,500 students in 2022.

"In fact, this year, UMP Foundation has distributed assistance amounting to RM1.1 million to 1,300 students through scholarship sponsorship, zakat assistance, education incentives, student development programmes, and volunteer programmes," he said.



He also hopes that all students will be diligent in their studies and hopefully achieve excellence.

For Muhammad Shahril Mohamad, 22, a student from the Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technology (FTKEE), he is grateful to be selected to receive this laptop.

He was touched that UMP always cares about the welfare of students and encourages them to study diligently.

Meanwhile, Nurul Fatihah Nurul Akmar Nizam, 20, expressed surprise when her name was selected to receive the laptop, but she is grateful considering that she previously had to use her aunt's computer and sometimes borrow from friends.

Through this ceremony, Taqwa Foundation also donated complete school sets to 278 primary school students in the Pekan area through the '*Jom Ke Sekolah*' (JKS) 2023 Programme, in collaboration with the District Education Office (PPI), Pekan.

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