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## **UMPSA and PPDK DAMAI Pekan host Survival Camp for 20 participants**

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PEKAN, 23 September 2024 – A total of 20 participants took part in the Survival Camp Programme organized by the Disability Services Unit, Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah

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(OkUMPSA), and the Community-Based Rehabilitation Organization (PPDK DAMAI) Pekan at the Water Recreation Park, UMPSA Pekan.

According to Programme Director Norhayati Ismail, the programme was designed to help participants build self-confidence through various challenges and foster a spirit of cooperation through group activities.

"In addition, it helps improve communication skills and teamwork in a diverse environment.

"At the same time, it provides opportunities for participants to develop practical skills, boost self-confidence, and enhance problem-solving abilities.

"In fact, it was also designed with efforts to take into account the specific needs of the participants, especially participants with disabilities, to make it a valuable and beneficial experience in their lives," she said.

She added that this program is also a strategy in the development of the local community of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) for the purposes of rehabilitation, training, education, and equal opportunities for the social integration of persons with disabilities.

"Among the activities conducted were basic survival skills, such as building a shelter, setting up a tent, fire-lighting techniques, and even cooking eggs using soil," she added.

The one-day programme was managed by Assistant Vocational Training Officers from the Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technology (FTKEE), Mohammad Malindo Mohamad Arip and Mohd Maliki Md Saad.

In addition to the PPDK DAMAI committee members, the participants included UMPSA staff, trainees, and members of the local community.

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