



Some 5,000 UMP staff and students attended the Aidil Fitri celebration graced by His Highness Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin al-Muadzam Shah and Her Highness Sultanah of Pahang, Sultanah Hajah Kalsom.

It was held on September 25, 2010 at UMP Gambang campus.

Also present were Menteri Besar of Pahang Dato' Sri Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob, Higher Education Deputy Minister Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, State Information, Science, Technology and Innovation

Committee Chairman Dato' Mohd Sharkar Shamsuddin, Malaysia Council of Former State Representatives (Mubarak) Acting President Dato' Sri Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman and UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

Sultan Ahmad Shah also graciously consented to cutting yellow glutinous rice (pulut kuning) in conjunction with his 80th birthday anniversary.

The guests were entertained to performances staged from students and artists from UMP's Department of Culture and Arts.

It was a lively celebration as 18 booths were set up with each showcasing local delicacies and dishes. The booths were courtesy of Pusat Tanggungjawab (PTJ). On the list of menu included 'nasi minyak', 'soup', 'cendol', 'ketupat', 'lemang',

'rendang', 'laksa' and a variety of soup and drinks.

The organiser also held a contest for the most creative booth which was won by Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources with its theme on heritage and sultanate. The Registry Department took home the second place while the Finance Department, in third place.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir, in his speech, said the uniqueness in the celebration was translated through the variety of food prepared and dished out to the guests.

"For the most creative booth competition, winners were judged based on the theme, creativity and cleanliness.

"I want to congratulate the entire staff of UMP as they had worked hard to prepare for the occasion," he said.