

n its efforts to glorify the Malay language, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) introduced a Malay



language programme for international students (BMfIS) so they could learn and understand better the subject, its history, arts as well as the life style of Malaysians.

The programme is a continuation to a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between UMP and NIU recently that paved the way to form a networking that included exploring the possibility of tapping the expertise in both universities to set up engineering technology programme.

It also involved other activities such as student exchange, short term academic staff attachment, twinning programmes and student mobility.

UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim said it was a pioneer programme and to involve students from Northern Illinois University (NIU).

He added that it would be managed together with UMP's Centre for

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Modern Languages & Human Sciences (PBMSK) and its International Office.

'The programme runs for six weeks beginning June 1 with eight students from various academic back ground - anthropology, political science, history and ethnic music studies.

"The students are staying with host families in Kampung Lepar Hilir 2 and throughout the programme, they will be exposed to matters such as Malay Sultanate, Pahang traditional food, Malaysian cultural, cottage industries and the country's historic heritage," he said during a gathering with the students held at Banquet Hall,

Chancellery on June 1, 2011.

He added that when foreigners showed the interest in mastering the language, it was a great honour to the Malays.

He hoped for the best and that the experience gained in Malaysia expecially in Kuantan would remain in their hearts when they returned home.

PBMSK Dean, Professor Dr Abd Jalil Borham said, nine UMP undergraduates were assigned as facilitators and they were assisted by four lecturers from the centre, using teaching and learning module from authentic materials.

