



MORE THAN 1,000 STAFF OBSERVE THE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

Close to 1,000 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) staff attended the launching of Merdeka Month Celebration and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus at Dewan Astaka, Gambang campus on August 16, 2011.

Professor Dato' Dr Rosli said the Jalur Gemilang would always be flying high as the nation would never be void of the high spirit and commitment that would be evident when celebrating the day.

"It is important for us to observe the celebration of the country's independence by being grateful to the peace, prosperity and harmony enjoyed.

"This is especially so as this year's celebration falls on Ramadan, a month filled with goodness and divine blessings.

"I call on all staff of UMP to fly the flag at your homes, offices or vehicles throughout the month as a show of one's gratitude on the many good things enjoyed.

"We should say our thanks to the country that has given its people the benefit to enjoy the peace, prosperity, freedom and good economy," he added.

He reminded the staff to continue improve their capabilities in carrying out their work and duties to the religion, race and nation.

He also said throughout the month-long celebration, UMP would organise patriotic programmes such as a contest for the best decorated office using Jalur Gemilang and traditional kite festival as well as religious activities including Yassin recitals and special 'hajat' prayers.

"We will hold community activities as well with people in Pekan such as helping to repair their homes and clean up the graveyard of Pahang Malay warrior Allahyarham Mat Kilau," he said.

After the launching ceremony, guests listened to a forum that discussed about independence and the panel comprised Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Ethnic Studies Institute Director, Professor Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, Malaysia Former Serviceman Association Pahang Branch President, Captain (R) Abdul Latiff Mohd Nor while Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences Dean, Professor Dr Abd Jalil Borham acted as the moderator.

The topic titled, 'Making Sense of the Independence for an Excellent Future'.



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