

GLOBAL COMMUNITY SHOULD LEARN THE MALAY LANGUAGE

– JAMES T. COLLINS

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For the first time, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) organised a public lecture titled, 'Lexicography, Dictionary and Online Dictionary' delivered by Professor James T. Collins.

Professor Collins is a Malay Language Professor and South East Asia Studies Centre Director at NIU.

He delivered the talk at lecture hall 2, UMP on June 29, 2011. The talk was part of PBMSK's efforts to further boost the language's standing, internationally.

According to PMBSK Dean, Professor

Dr Abdul Jalil Borham, the talk was part of a knowledge sharing programme involving the expertise and academic works of renowned academicians.

He added that it was to reinforce the Malay language at the national and international levels.

Throughout the lecture, Professor Collins shared a lot of interesting inputs with the audience including the importance of the language, its origin and an ongoing project to develop an online lexicography.

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"This is because many books on Islam are written in Malay," he said.

Professor Collins is also a multimedia online editor for Learner's Dictionary of Malay, a special project by the US Education Ministry. It started in August 2009.

Also present at the talk were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Dr Yuserrie Zainuddin and the senior management.