

COLLABORATION BETWEEN UMP AND MYC TO PRODUCE KNOWLEDGABLE YOUTHS



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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) forged a strategic alliance with Malaysia Youth Council (MYC) in a move to add values in producing credible and competitive youths.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was held between UMP, represented by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim and UMP Women Association (Matahari) President, Associate Professor Dr. Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim while MYC by President, Mohamed Maliki Mohd. Rapiee and exco member Ahmad Daniar Ismail.

Dato' Daing said the initiative would involve a youth development programme on training, leadership and entrepreneurship, on regional and international as well as research and design development.

He said this during a dinner held in conjunction with the MoU signing at UMP banquet hall in Gambang on February 28, 2012.

He added that the society especially those living around Pekan and UMP campus would get benefits from the pact with MYC.

Dato' Daing said UMP was pleased to acknowledge MYC as a partner for it was a reputable organisation and recognised as the biggest body that represented youths in this country.

He added that the collaboration would need commitment from the NGO, Matahari Association and Centre for Continuing Education and Professional Development (CENFED) in making the joint effort a success.

Mohamed Maliki also said the collaboration would involve developing youths especially those in Kuala Pahang.

He added that MYC would identify youths with potentials while UMP would serve as the university with the technical expertise and help to arrange for trainers and instructors.

He said the Government had allocated RM200 million in youth development, focusing on three areas – leadership, skills and entrepreneurship.

As such, many programmes could be carried out that would benefit the society and youths, defined as those between 18 and 40.

Also present were Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, Registrar Haji Mustafa Ibrahim, Treasurer

Zainuddin Othman, Head of Librarian, Haji Ruslan Che Pee and CENFED Acting Director, Haji Jamil Basri.

In conjunction with the signing ceremony, a dialogue was held with MYC titled, 'Youth Empowerment and Volunteerism – Catalyst to Collaboration Networking'.

The panelists were the MYC president, National Youth Personality 2011 Mohd. Rizan Hassan while the moderator was Faculty of Technology lecturer, Mohamad Rozi Hassan.

The dialogue was a success among the undergraduates with more than 400 turned up, sharing their experience and understanding the spirit of volunteerism.

They also found out the opportunities to join youth activities in Malaysia and abroad.