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UMP-CEC OFFERED 300 JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Universiti Malaysia Pahang's Career and Entrepreneur Carnival (UMP-CEC) organised by Student Affairs and Alumni (Saffad) received encouraging response as some 1,000 visitors thronged the event held at Astaka Hall from May 9-11, 2012.

They were mostly undergraduates and graduates

The carnival was officially opened by UMP board of directors' chairman Dato' Mohd Hilmey Mohd Taib.

Also present were UMP Vice Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Saffad) Professor Dr. Yuserrie Zainudin, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dato' Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus and Assistant Vice Chancellor (Corporate Development



and Quality Management) Associate Professor Zulkaflī Hasan.

In his speech, Dato' Helmi said students would discover several positive elements by getting involved in programmes such as this and in some ways, would help mould them to be marketable workers.

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"Students need to be ready and prepared to go for interviews especially in terms of image and ability to communicate," he added.

He also advised students to be courageous enough to accept the challenge of a wide-ranging career but the most important thing was for them to always be proactive and

creative in their work practice.

Professor Dr. Yuserrie said the carnival was an annual affair held to give exposure to students on how to conduct themselves during interviews as well as present opportunities on jobs available in the industries.

"It is also to supply new inputs on industrial information to participants so they can make plans that will meet the industries' needs," he said.

He described the carnival as the best platform for students to prove that they were ready to face the working world.

The three-day carnival offered 300 job opportunities involving more than 40 companies taking part including Zenith Hotel, Purnama Bersatu, Malaysian Automotive Institute (MAI), Sony EMCS and Might Meteor Advanced Manufacturing.

A second-year undergraduate from Science and Industrial Technology Faculty (FSTI), NurulAshikin Ahmad, 21, said the programme should be held annually so students could make sufficient preparation before stepping into the workforce.