



UMP UNDERGRADUATES TOOK PART IN THE 45TH ASEAN DAY CELEBRATION

A forum titled, 'Towards an Asean Community', was presented by three people - Foreign Ministry's Information and Public Diplomacy Director General, Dato' Misran Karmain, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd. Rizal Mohd. Yaakob, a lecturer of history studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)'s Social Science and Humanity Faculty and Mohiyuddin Mohd Suleiman, a lecturer from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)'s Institute of Asean and World Affairs.

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and the Information Department jointly organised the 45th Asean Day celebration with the theme 'One Community One Purpose', aimed at enhancing public understanding and participation relating to Asean – a grouping comprising Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia.

The event was officially opened by the Department's Director General, Dato' Haji Ibrahim Abdul Rahman at UMP's Astaka Hall on October 17, 2012. Also present was UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

According to Dato' Haji Ibrahim, the programme could enhance the awareness

among younger generation especially university undergraduates about the cooperation existed among Asean countries.

"The awareness for public to play its role in supporting efforts taken by the Government is critical in strengthening diplomatic ties among neighbouring countries," he said, adding, solidarity was vital to improve cooperation among Asean countries and towards having peace, economic development and prosperity in the region.

He said, the Asean Day celebration was an annual event organised by the department to commemorate the establishment of Asean on August 8, 1967 and as part of the efforts to achieve one Asean Community by 2020.

In tracing its history, Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir