



UMP'S MENTOR MINISTER DISTRIBUTED BB1M



It was a joyful moment for 8,531 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) undergraduates after receiving book vouchers under the 'Baucar Buku 1Malaysia' (BB1M) when classes commenced into the second semester of the 2012/2013 session on February 18, 2013.

It was made even more meaningful when the vouchers were personally given by Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister, Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob who was also the Mentor Minister.

According to Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri, the amount given to the undergraduates had been increased to RM250 from the previous RM200 which showed the government's concern over their well-being as reflected in the 2013 budget presented by Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak.

"The fact is this is among the blessings received from a country that has prospered and doing well, which is the works of an astute government," he said at the presentation

of the book vouchers held at UMP Sports Complex.

He also advised the undergraduates to use the vouchers wisely to their own benefits by buying books and learning equipment at book stores and the university's cooperative shop.

Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri noted that the government had already subsidised 90% of education expenses and undergraduates only had to fork out 10%, adding, most of them obtained loans from the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN).

"These loans, however, would be converted to scholarships if they scored excellent results", he said.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said undergraduates should be grateful and should appreciate the benefits received for it had helped to ease their burden.

"With a current enrolment of 7,812 undergraduates and 719 post-graduate students pursuing courses in 113