



# PROMINENT PROFESSOR AT A DISCOURSE DO ATTENDED BY PUBLIC AND HOSTED BY UMP

Professors are a group of professionals and intellectuals who are sharp-minded, innovative and experts in various fields. Their contribution and ideas are essential in the making of a developed nation.

As such, in an effort to make sharing of knowledge a way of life in the society, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised a discourse and invited prominent academician Professor Dato' Dr.

Sidek Baba of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

The topic was 'Melayu Sepakat, Islam Berdaulat' with UMP's Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) Dean, Professor Dr. Abd. Jalil Borham acting as the moderator.

More than 500 people comprising principals, teachers and UMP staff attended the event held at Astaka Hall, UMP Gambang campus on April 15, 2013.

Professor Dato' Dr. Sidek, in the discussion, said consensus had been traditionally observed by the Malays and was already a norm in forging cordial ties.

They also helped each other and rallied around in 'gotong-rotong' practices, qualities that needed to be upheld to make sure unity existed and prevailed in the country, he added.

"In fact, the Malays are a group of people who can be a model to a multi-racial and multi-ethnic society in Malaysia and to do so without denying the roles of others so everyone can reap benefits from the country's prosperity.

"In the context of governance in Malaysia, we should be proud with the trust and acceptance of the people including the non-Muslims on the