



In a move to inculcate the practise of knowledge sharing, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised a programme 'Professor and the Public' by presenting two academicians – UMP Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz and Professor Dr. Mohd. Ridzuan Nordin from the Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI).

The programme was held at MS Garden Hotel, Kuantan on April 30, 2013 and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin was the moderator.

Professor Dr. Mohd. Ridzuan spoke in the first session and the topic was 'Educating the Malay Children, Core to Nation Empowerment' while Professor Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham discussed about 'Lynas: Fact or Folly'.

Professor Dr. Mohd. Ridzuan touched on the National Higher Education Fund Corporation 1997 (Act 566) that paved the way to the setting up of the National Higher Education Fund Corporation which was aimed at producing quality human resource by providing opportunity to every person to pursue tertiary education.

"Realising the importance of extending

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education access, the government launched an education philosophy - a transition to a more democratic approach that allows people from all walks to obtain quality tertiary education," he said.

He also took the time to explain about the historical aspect of education in Malaysia, starting from the post-independence era.

On the second topic involving rare earth, Professor Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham said health, environment and safety became public interest, locally and abroad, following the uproar over Lynas Advanced Material Plant (L.A.M.P).

"This talk gives a clearer picture about problems in chemical industrial project

investments and public perception. We will share experiences and from the academic perspective and real situations that can help do good for the public," said Professor Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham, who had been involved in many rare earth-related researches.

Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham is also Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) and a Professor at the Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering (FKKSA).

He added that in line with Malaysia progressing into a developed country, there were many on-going mega project investments as well as those in the pipeline.

