



## VICE-CHANCELLOR OPENS GAMES BY MALAYSIAN STUDENTS



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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Vice-Chancellor, Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim officially opened the Midwest Games International (MWGi) organised by the Malaysian Embassy in Chicago (EMC) and Western Michigan University (WMU) Malaysian Student Association (MASA) at Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

on May 24, 2013.

Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir, who was on an official trip to the country, was also appointed as the Chef de Mission (CDM) for WMU contingent for the Games, which was held annually. WMU hosted the event for the third time since it commenced in 1997.

Other previous hosts included Purdue University (2010), University

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of Wisconsin-Madison (2011) and University of Illinois-Champaign (2012).

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among Malaysian students abroad especially those in the USA," he said in his speech.

He urged all athletes and Malaysian students to do their part in making Malaysia as the main place for experts and talents to part their skills and knowledge.

Dato' Dr. Daing also reminded them to stay focus on their studies without neglecting the soft skill aspects in their pursuit of becoming well-rounded people, academically and socially.

MWGi 2013 director Satveer Thind said the organiser was grateful with the cooperation showed by UMP especially with Dato' Dr. Daing being there. Dato' Dr. Daing is an alumnus of WMU.

Thind added that the Games was not only a sporting event but also aimed at forging closer ties among Malaysian students who studied in other universities and for them to participate in a career programme, held in conjunction of the Games.

UMP also took part in the career programme that included interview sessions for new talents as academic fellows for Malaysians who were pursuing their studies in USA and took the opportunity to meet UMP staff who were studying there.

UMP also held discussions to pave the way for collaborations with San Diego State University (SDSU) and Missouri University of Science and Technology (MUST), and shared their expertise at NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo in St Louis, Missouri.

Also present were Dean of Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering, Professor Dr Jasni Mohamad Zain, Dean of Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering, Associate Professor Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff and Director of International Office, Associate Professor Dr. Ainol Haryati Ibrahim.