



## 53 UNDERGRADUATES IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

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A total of 53 undergraduates Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) spent their semester break by taking part in the Wonderful World of English Camp as part of their efforts to build up self-confidence so they could communicate better in the language.

The camp was organised by the Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) and held at Riverside Janda Baik, Bentong on January 21, 2013.

Held for the fifth time, the camp was aimed at getting participants to get interested in English and to use the language to improve their verbal skills.

According to CMLHS language teacher, Nor Suhardiliana Sahar, the Intelligent Club was active in conducting

other programmes as well such as the 'Spell It Right, UMP', 'So You Think You Can Speak', 'Oh! My English' and quizzes.

"The camp was held for three days and the participants were required to speak in English during the whole duration and marks would be deducted if they failed to abide by the regulation," she said.

She added that the activities were carried out in very creative ways that challenged the participants by emphasising on the non-verbal and verbal aspects.

Programme Director, Nor Fadhillah Mohd Mazalan said the objective set was met as the participants felt motivated and confident enough to speak the language.

They also gained a lot of knowledge learnt through the exciting means in the camp, she added.

Second-year chemical engineering undergraduate Siti Hajar Abdul Hamid, who was one of the facilitators, said the camp highlighted a more effective learning technique so participants could practice the language outside of their classrooms.

Another facilitator and third-year mechanical engineering undergraduate Nur Naqiaie Yuddin Nor Adzhar said it was the first time she was involved in the camp and the activities held were very resourceful.

In fact, being a facilitator did not mean that she was only involved in making sure that the programme run smoothly but also it was an opportunity for her to brush up her English and be more confident.

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