

THE NATIONAL JAWI SCRIPT AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR 2012

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18 October 2012. The National Jawi Script and Technology Seminar 2012 was successfully organised by CMLHS. The seminar involved 500 participants, which included UMP associates and students, school students as well as staff from government and private organisations in Pahang. The objective of the seminar was to expose participants to the understanding and awareness of technology in empowering the Jawi script to the society.

The seminar was launched by the Chairman of Dakwah Islamiah, Solidarity and Non-governmental Organisation of Pahang, Datuk Haji Mohamad Shafri Abdul Aziz who represented



the Pahang Chief Minister, Dato' Seri Diraja Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob. In his speech, he commended the committee for the success of such essential intellectual gathering as well as the invention of AsarFont to propagate the use of Jawi technologically. He hoped that information gathered at the seminar could help the government to strengthen Jawi use. Talking on the same page, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said that the success of AsarFont proved that technology can be benefitted to further develop Jawi. He also said that as a university that is based on technology and engineering, it is always committed to explore the possibility where technology and inheritance can be harmonised. These elements are complimentary to one another and they should not be seen as individual entities.

Among prominent figures who attended the seminar were Professor Dr Bukhari Lubis, an expert in Jawi from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris; Hajah Norhayati L.Isa from the Ministry of Education Malaysia; Professor Dr Hashim Musa, a prolific writer on Jawi from Universiti Putra Malaysia and Associate Professor Dr Mohamad Fauzan Noordin from International Islamic University Malaysia. Also presented were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International Affairs), Profesor Ir. Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato Dr Rosli Mohd. Yunus; Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dr Yuserrie Zainuddin; and Dean of CMLHS, Professor Dr Abd. Jalil Borham.