17 July 2012. A total of 318 UMP diploma students participated in GIGVAGANZA 2 as part of their overall assessments for UHL 1412 (Foundation English). This time, they were also joined by school students from around Kuantan area. There were four participating schools who had gladly accepted our invitations, they were SMK Sultanah Hajjah Kalsom, SM Sains Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Pekan, SMK Sri Pekan and SMK Gambang.

The main objectives of the whole-day programme were to apply accurate language in GIG activities (for conducting and participating); to enhance students’ leadership and teamworking skills; to encourage students to be creative in organizing activities and to communicate in English confidently. On the day of the programme, the whole room of the pavilion (Astaka), in which the programme was conducted, was filled colourful images coming from the students themselves as well as their activity booths. In fact, you could also hear them speaking in English to each other which added on to the positive environment especially for English Language oral presentation purposes. Anyone who walked into the hall would surely be overwhelmed by the whole atmosphere of the event.

To ensure the smooth running of the whole programme, students were facilitated by their class instructors during the planning of the activities. They were also given constant feedback on how best to maximize their time as the activity organizers as well as participants. The programme was proven a success when a few of the accompanying teachers from the participating schools came to the secretariat table and personally congratulated the organizing team. They even expressed their interests in inviting the diploma students to organize a similar event at their school compound. Kudos to the co-ordinator, all six instructors and other organizing team for giving such a positive impression to the outsiders.