A total of 165 people who were under the asnaf category and living in Kuantan and Pekan were feted in an iftar programme organised by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), together with UMP Women Association (Matahari) and UMP Advanced Education (UAE).

It was held at the McDonalds Restaurant in Indera Mahkota, Kuantan on June 19, 2016.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Tengku Puan of Pahang, Tunku Hajjah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Al-Marhum Al-Mutawakkil 'Allallah Sultan Iskandar and her sons, His Highnesses Tengku Amir Nasser Ibrahim Shah and Tengku Muhammad Iskandar R’i’ayuddin Shah Ibni Tengku Abdullah Al-Hai.

She also gave away contributions such as food, daily essential items, solat attires and clothes to 30 families of poor background.

Other guests who were present included UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim and his wife, Datin Fazia Ali who is also Advisor to Matahari, Registrar, Abd Hamid Majid, UMP Advanced Education (UAE) Chief Executive Officer, Mohd. Rozi Hassan and Matahari President, Professor Datin Dr. Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim.

The iftar programme was one of the initiatives taken by UMP to be closer to the community under its ‘Program Jejak Asnaf Fakir Miskin’, aimed at helping the needy to carry on with their lives especially during the fasting month of Ramadan.

The programme was under the purview of the Islamic and Human Development Centre (PIMPIN), with the cooperation of Matahari.

It was also organised in conjunction with this year’s Ramadan Festival. More than 30 families in Kuantan and Pekan were identified.

In making the festival more lively, UMP had also organised breaking of fast with village folks, Iftar Jamaie in the campus and gotong-royong sessions where each department took turns to do the tasks.

Throughout Ramadan, UMP also held a programme called Asian Ramadan Journey 2016 involving its undergraduates whom got to experience fasting, sahur and iftar with orphans at the Nurul Dayah Charity Home in Aceh, Indonesia.

Other events carried out included ‘Program Ziarah Prihatin Ramadan’ and ‘Program Ziarah Prihatin Syawal’ which was jointly organised with the university’s alumni who gave their full support to all kinds of volunteerism activities and community services of which UMP was so synonymous with.