

A DAY OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE - DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF THE PROPHET'S LANGUAGE



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Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised an educational programme with Arabic elements involving secondary students from Sekolah Menengah Agama Al-Maarif, an excellent cluster school.

The programme was held on September 28, 2016 and jointly organised with Department of Academic and International Affairs.

Those involved included Dr. Mohamad Hilmi Mat Said, Mohd Azam Muhammad Akhir, Mardhiyyah Zamani, Rosjuliana Hidayu Rosli, Farah Hanan Aminallah and Jamilah Bebe Mohamad.

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Various activities were carried such as Explore Race, exhibition on Arabic culture, Arabic calligraphy workshop and al Funun.

The secondary students also got to practise their oral skill in Arab as many of the international university students were native speakers of the Arabic language and vice versa as the Malay language was a compulsory subject for the undergraduates.

Yaser Mohamad, an undergraduate from Yemen, said the programme not only helped to boost his confidence as he and his friends were able to practise speaking in Malay with the secondary students but they also got to showcase their culture.

The undergraduates were mainly from Sudan, Yemen, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

It was indeed a fruitful and productive programme as participants mingled and shared a lot of things. They learned about cultures and values of other countries.