

ENACTUS UMP MOBILITY PROGRAMME IN INDIA

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) staff and members of Enactus UMP Club went to India in April this year to carry out various community services under the Enactus mobility programme called *'Boosting Opportunity Beyond Border'*.

They spent nine days in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Agra and Jaipur beginning April 8, 2016.

Those in the group included Entrepreneur Centre Director, Professor, Dr. Azlinna Azizan, Enactus UMP Advisor, Datin Hajah Mazita Mokhtar and two staff members, Ramddan Zahari and Azeri Adnan.

The programme was organised by the university's Entrepreneur Centre and Health Centre and focused on three main objectives - providing community service by sharing knowledge, experience and conducting check-ups together with Enactus Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (Delhi IIT).

Enactus UMP Project Advisor and Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering (FKKSA) undergraduate, Mohamad Ridzuan Mohamed Ali Jinnah said the programme aimed at educating the people on the importance of healthcare.

He added that India was a highly-populous country and emphasis was given on cleanliness and hygiene especially among children to prevent viruses from spreading.

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Mohamad Ridzuan added that the trip, which served as a benchmark for future communal activities, really helped UMP Enactus in their plans to take the club to greater heights, in line with the university's aspirations.

He also said they held a meeting with representatives from Enactus Delhi IIT, which was one of the programme's highlights because Enactus Delhi IIT was the champion of Enactus India National Cup.

They represented India at the World Cup Championship that was held in South Africa last year.

"Several suggestions and views were discussed and eventually it was settled that Enactus UMP should be involved in something new - social entrepreneurship.

"It led to the two clubs working together to provide aids to the locals. Enactus UMP latest project called *'Nadi Craft'* was seen as suitable to be implemented in the cities in India because there were a lot of agriculture wastes which were not been properly managed.

"This could be harmful to the people and

the solution to the situation was to burn the wastes," he said.

Mohamad Ridzuan said they also met Delhi IIT Consultant Executive, Professor Somarajan and got the chance to see the institute's entrepreneur incubator system managed by its Entrepreneur Centre, which had among the best systems in India.

"The experience gained would help UMP Entrepreneur Centre to come up with a similar system," he said.

Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Industrial Technology (FIST) undergraduate and Programme Director, Nurul Izzati Ahmad, 23, said she was pleased with the commitment showed by the participants to continue realise the university's aspiration in being a community university through strategic and efficient volunteer works and community services locally and globally.

She said Enactus UMP would remain with its works to help the less fortunate and those in need of financial aids as well as organising international humanitarian mission such as the one in India.

She also said its two main projects, *'Nadi Craft'* and *'Serai Wangi'*, located in Bukit Kenau, Pekan were high-impact projects that would participate in Enactus competition.