



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT HELPING OUT IN GOTONG- ROYONG AT MADRASAH DANIYAH DURRULILMI

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) international students took part in a *gotong-royong* to spruce up Madrasah Daniyah Durrulilmi at Kampung Padang Jaya, Jaya Gading Kuantan on January 17, 2016.

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Twelve of them helped to clean the floor, window and painted the madrasah so children could start learning at the madrasah.

Madrasah Daniyah Durrulilmi which means 'Religion – Gem of Knowledge' (*Agama*

Permata Ilmu) has been operational for almost five years, teaching children from age five until 12.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, the madrasah was built based on public donation but it was still insufficient.

"As such, UMP came forward with several contributions that would help with the needs of the students and to ensure that they would benefit from these donations," he said.

He said the activity was also meant to inculcate the culture and spirit of volunteerism among undergraduates.

The madrasah's principal Ustaz Zulkiflee Hamid, 46, said they were honoured to receive

the visit from UMP and could feel them being so close with the community.

"The pupils are taught *Fiqh, Usuluddin, Tasawuf, Ilmu Alaf*, Quran reading and *Fardhu Ain*," said Ustaz Zulkiflee who received his education in Pattani and Yemen.

Chemical engineering undergraduate Muhammad Abdulqawi, 23, who is from Yemen, said he felt very motivated to joining the programme which aimed at facilitating the children at the madrasah.

Also present were PIMPIN Islamic Affairs Officers, Ustaz Md Abdu Ishak and Ustaz Muhammad Sallehuddin Md Derus.