

## UMP and BH to Support Continuous Education



Kuantan, 25<sup>th</sup> May - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Berita Harian (BH) fulfilled their social responsibility by donating a gazebo equipped with green technology solar LED lights beneficial for SMK Sungai Soi community. SMK Sungai Soi is among six schools in Malaysia to receive the contribution in conjunction with BH 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year.

The element of energy-saving applied to this gazebo by using solar system and LED technology for its electricity supply. Solar panels with the capacity of 20W, 12V equipped with a system that could charge a battery of 12V 7.2AH power and could turn on the 18W LED light are being installed at this gazebo. This solar panel will be operating from dusk till dawn. More interestingly, this system can be upgraded and can be used to charge a cellphone and other electrical use in the future.

According to Professor Dato' Dr Rosli, this smart partnership enables the university to play more constructive role in realizing the UMP Strategic plan 2016-2020 that carries the theme 'Communitising Technology' by applying skills and expertise that can be utilized for the benefit of local community.

"It is the intention of UMP to communitising its existence as an institution of higher learning education with the focus of not only on offering mainstream academic programs, but also as a social institution which catalyze the improvement of literacy knowledge and skills to other community members.

"The implementation of Solar System Project in this school was to support green technology and to ensure continuous supply of electricity as well as to lessen the greenhouse effect due to the release of carbon dioxide that can increase the normal temperature", he added.

He also said that, Faculty of Industrial Science and Technology UMP has recently held a social service program entitled 'Lighting Up the Community' and had the lighting system using solar power installed at Sekolah Menengah Sains Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah (SEMSAS). The installation of this lighting system not only provide an opportunity for the school orchestra, Jasa Winds Orchestra to have the training session at night but also to provide knowledge on photovoltaic technology as well as promoting green technology to the school students.

East Coast Economic Region (ECER) and UAE show their full support to this program by offering 30 place for the student to enroll in empower ECER Academic Skills Training Program. Since 2015, 30 PT3 candidate and 30 SPM candidate has been selected to join this program. As for today, 60 students has been selected to join empower SMART program handle by UMP lecturers and with the assistance of UMP students.



Meanwhile, according to Mohamad Rozi, to date, 7,438 has participated in Academic Skills Training Program while 500 participated in Entrepreneur & Skills Training Program making it a total of 7,938 participants has been and currently enrolled in empower ECER program in the district of Pekan, Kuantan and Bera from 2012 until now. These student will have to complete seven training modules, which is Empower Boot camp, Empower Q-Gen, Empower SMART (Science, Mathematic, Reseach & Technology), Empower GIGvaganva (Get Into Grammar), Empower Outreach, Empower Edu-Tour and Empower V.A.K (Visual, Audio & Kinesthetic). All these modules have been specially designed and approved by UMP.

The gazebo was presented by Deputy Editor of Berita Harian (BH) Group, Datuk Othman Badrulhisham together with UMP Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus to SMK Sungai Soi Headmaster, Haji Mahadzhir Hanafiah.

Also present were Kuantan Deputy District Officer, Haji Yaakob Zaidin, CEO of UMP Advanced Education (UAE), Mohamad Rozi Hassan, Director of German Academic and Career Centre (GACC), Dr. Muhamad Mat Noor, Head of Bureau for Berita Harian Pahang, Abd. Razak Raaf, General Manager of Department of Socio-Economic and UMP ECER Special Projects, Zainal Bahari and lecturer from Center for Modern Languages and Human Sciences, Jamilah Bebe Mohamad.





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