

A Day with the Homeless



Kuala Lumpur, 1st April – 2nd Residential College Student Representative (PEKA 2) together with 1st Residential College Student Representative (PEKA 1) and Kelab Pembimbing Rakan Siswa (PERSIS) organized a "Prihatin Project : A Day with the Homeless" held at Kuala Lumpur Homeless Transit Center.

34 volunteers put their efforts to prepare dinner for the homeless at the transit center. The cooking starts at 6.30pm until 10.00pm and followed by packing the food before being distributed to the homeless.

According to program's director who is also PEKA 2 Community Service Exco, Muhammad Aflah Mohd Sabri from Faculty of Engineering Technology, he was very pleased that this program achieved its objectives and has provided social awareness to the UMP students who are directly involved in sharing the joy with the homeless.

"Besides food, our volunteer team also distributes 250 health and sanitary kits to the homeless in Central Market, Maybank Tower, Mydin, Pudu Raya and Bukit Bintang. The rains that fall that night do not stop our team from distributing the foods and kits, and after 4 hours spent in that area, we ended our work at 2.00 in the morning", he added.



As for PEKA 1 President, Nur Shuhadah Zaharudin from Faculty of Engineering Technology, she felt blessed getting the chance to meet the homeless at the transit center and listening to their story and problems.

Faten Azwani Abd. Aziz, PERSIS Deputy President from Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering said this program gives such a memorable and unforgettable experienced for the team. They also feel sad for the homeless who live by the streets especially with their kids due to very high cost of living in the metropolitan city of Kuala Lumpur.

Besides Kuala Lumpur Homeless Transit Centre, Yayasan Kebajikan Negara Malaysia, Ministry of Federal Territories, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) also involved in this program. A few volunteers and NGO such as The Traveller also gives their helping hand for this program.

This team of volunteer also handed over used clothes and groceries donated by generous public to Kuala Lumpur Homeless Transit Center. Program advisor who is also 2nd Residential College Fellow, Mohd Ferdaus Musa joined this program together with Assistant Fellow from KK1 & 2.



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