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Iftar preparation – It's a UMP tradition!

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) still maintains its Ramadhan tradition of preparing iftar together and offering them in huge trays for free to its staff and students who are breaking their fast at UMP mosques in Gambang and Pekan campus respectively. That particular memory will surely be etched forever in the minds of the alumni of the university during Ramadhan.

The Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Prof. Dato' Sri Ts. Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said, the preparation of the iftar will be enough to feed around 1,400 students while for the 'sahur' or early morning meal, the amount of food prepared is for around 200 to 300 students for both campuses. The cost of preparing these meals are from the MyGift fund.

"The contributions are coming from individuals, corporate bodies and the community through UMP MyGift Endowment initiative launched by the university. The activities include the preparation of iftar, supper as well as sahur throughout the month of Ramadhan" he explains.

Also, he added that the preparation of the food for this program was done in the spirit of teamwork by all the departments and faculties of the university. An impressive selection of dishes namely Nasi Minyak, Gulai Kawah, Ayam Masak Merah, Bubur Lambuk, Ayam Masak Kurma, Mixed Vegetables and others according to the pre-determined timetable.

In order to facilitate in the preparation of the food, a food distribution set named Roller Conveyor was used to assist the volunteers in preparing the meals cleanly, efficiently and safely. The set consists of waist-high pots and a roller conveyor made of light aluminum material to set in the trays.

The Vice-Chancellor also spend time breaking his fast at UMP Mosque said that the iftar tradition with the meals served in the trays will be continued at the university since it will also be able to foster good relationship among the university community.

In addition, the method of eating in trays also will hasten the process of cleaning up after the meal. Also present during the iftar were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Prof. Dato Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and the Director of Islamic Centre & Human Development (PIMPIN), Dr. Mahyuddin Ismail.

Throughout the month of Ramadhan, UMP through PIMPIN had organized various activities to celebrate the holy month with Tarawikh Prayer, Taddarus and Iftar Jamaie.

Other activities include Memasak Bubur Lambuk programme, Anda Tanya Ustaz Jawab session entitled "Ramadhan Datang, Bersediakan Kita", Singgah Mesra, Kuliah Dhuha: Mengejar Lailatul Qadar, Nuzul Al-Quran Seminar and many more which are open to all UMPians as well as the local community to participate.