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## More than 100 UMP alumni attended Hi-Tea aimed at fostering closer ties

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A total of 124 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) alumni turned up for the Alumni Industry Networking Hi-Tea for the western zone organised by Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (JHEPA)'s Alumni Relation Unit, together with Department of Industrial and Community Relation (JJIM).

It was held at Grand Blue Wave Hotel, Shah Alam on December 22, 2018.

It was an opportunity for the alumni to meet up again with UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim and the university's management where they got to share about their latest development.

They also discussed about the Industry Network Alumni Platform (INAP) and gathered new ideas from the alumni on how to thrust the university to further excellence.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said UMP could now be proud of its alumni which had numbered to 24,786.

“The graduates and alumni have proven that they are not only competent engineers or technologists but they are also able entrepreneurs who run their own companies and commercial chains.

“However, they are also needed to play the role and given the opportunity to give back to UMP which is their alma mater. They can do so in any capacity or platforms, be it official or unofficial.

“As such, the university's management always opens its door to UMP Alumni Association to explore the possibilities on bringing graduates back to campus so they can be a source of inspiration to their juniors who are still studying.

“They can also be actively involved in helping faculties to strengthen industrial links, form strategic collaborations and professional connections,” he said.

He added that the Industry Network Alumni Platform (INAP) pioneered by JJIM was seen as very significant in providing invaluable added values on the many activities planned by the university.

The Department of Corporate Affairs and Quality (JHKK) Director, Dr. Irene Ting Wei Kiong also presented details on UMP's achievements in the university ranking while INAP Action Council member Mohd Faiz Zulkifli shared information about INAP committee structure and plans of collaborations between the alumni and university.

The session also allowed for the e-Graduate System to be updated. The system was developed in 2012 and acted as an alumni data search medium.

Also present at the hi-tea were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for ICON, Professor Dr. Jamil Ismail and JHEPA General Manager, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie.