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UMP Campus Pantry – free food hub for students

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In line with the aspiration of Domestic Trade and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNHEP) in implementing the Food Bank Malaysia programme in public universities, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) raised to the occasion by having its own UMP Campus Pantry, offering food and other basic necessities to students.

The programme was established on April 16, 2019.

Department of Student Affairs and Alumni, General Manager (JHEPA), Haryani Abdullah said students could get the items from UMP Campus Pantry located in Gambang campus with plans to set up another one in its Pekan Campus.

"The food pantry is managed by volunteers from the Student Representative Council (MPP) and UMP Caring Club. They will make an inventory of the items and display the items at the allocated space.

"In order to ensure a systematic way of distributing the items, UMP has a record of the food or other items received and

distributed. Details of the students who received the items are also recorded.

"A special portal on UMP Campus Pantry has also been developed where visitors can obtain information about the programme as well as to facilitate those who wish to make contributions, be it in cash or kind.

According to Mohamad Hanif Fitri Nordin, an executive member for welfare and out campus student service (Gambang), they were touched by the efforts taken by the university in helping them to manage the food pantry programme.

He hoped that it would be fully utilised by students especially the needy ones so as to help ease their burden and lessen their expenses.

UMP Caring Club President Mohammad Aiman Mohd Amran said as volunteers, university students could play a role in helping the university to get funding.

He hoped that the programme would help instil the culture of contributing or donating among UMP community and society.

UMP Campus Pantry operates from 9 am until noon and from 2 pm until 4.30 pm on Monday until Friday.