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UMP Family Day strengthens bond among campus residents

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently held its Family Day gathering, dubbed 1Family, at the University Sports Complex of its Gambang Campus on April 27, 2019.

Based on the filial themes of happiness, care and mutual respect, the family day saw 1,000 people, comprising UMP staff and their family members, participating according to the colors of their fraternity houses – red, yellow, blue, green and white.

This family day gathering was a joint effort by several associations at the university – namely those for administrative officers (PPTI), academic staff (PAKAD), support staff (KESUMP), women (Matahari) as well as the Registrar Department.

Over 20 sporting events were held, among which were aerobics, tug of war and musical chair. The Red team was crowned the overall champion.

Gracing the family day were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, and his wife, Datin Sri Fazia Ali, as well as Pro-Registrar, Abd Rahman Haji Safie.

According to Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, the first family day was a successful gathering, and he was impressed with the presence and participation of the university staff and their family members.

"The activities held at this family day gathering can help strengthen the bond among campus residents, allowing them to get to know each other better. In fact, such a day can be an excellent platform for the welfare and well-being of all at UMP," stressed the Vice-Chancellor.

"Moreover, with such themes selected for this first family day, the gathering can help acculturate traits of care, warmth, affiliation and teamwork, and eventually build a stronger love for the university," he added.

Meanwhile, the organizing chairman, Mohd Raizalhilmy Mohd Rais, extended his token of appreciation to all in attendance, saying they have collectively made the event a successful one.

"We are proud of the commitment showed by the committee members and volunteers, especially in planning and carrying out exciting activities for the staff and their families," said Mohd Raizalhilmy, who hoped more of similar events can be conducted in the future.

Among the interesting activities seen at the family day were several contests, namely colouring for the children; "Go Green"-themed best dress and healthy food preparation for the adults.

There were also food stalls offering the likes of ice-cream, cendol and keropok lekor for free to everyone who came for the event.