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## UMP's book on tahfiz education and soft skill won award at the National Book Award 2019

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A book titled, 'Pendidikan Tahfiz dan Kemahiran Insaniah' (Tahfiz Education and Soft Skills) published by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Publisher won the best general book (education category) at the National Book Award 2019 that was held at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) on May 10, 2019.

The book was written by Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS), Senior Lecturer, Dr. Rashidi Abbas.

Dr. Rashidi said he wrote the book because he wanted to see the extent of tahfiz education and soft skill development among the huffaz particularly in generic skills and applying these skills in facing current challenges.

"There are seven elements of generic skills shared in the book to ensure a well-balanced huffaz is effectually produced - skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, teamwork, continuous learning and information

management, entrepreneurship, professional ethics and morality and skills in leadership.

"The book also supports the government's aspiration in producing 125,000 huffaz nationwide by the year 2050 and an ulul albab generation of sound faith and takwa.

"The huffaz will be groomed to be leaders and professional workforce and are not limited to only being an imam.

"The book is also a production of a research work on enhancing al-Quran skills among students," he said.

In the [Sharing@BookCafe](mailto:Sharing@BookCafe) programme organised by UMP Library recently, Dr. Rashidi shared his experience in producing the book with an audience comprising campus community and members of the public.

For those who are interested to get a copy of the 156-page book, they can contact UMP Publisher at 017-356 2566 (Noraini) or 012-966 1375 (Rohaizad).