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## Fun Merdeka walk while flying the Jalur Gemilang

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More than 100 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) staff took part in the Fun Walk: 1,000 Merdeka Steps that was held at UMP Pekan Campus on August 15, 2019.

They started the walk from the Student Activity Centre (PAP) and ended at the Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery Building.

UMP Board Member, Professor Dato' Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus flagged off the participants and UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff received them.

He was also presented with the Jalur Gemilang by the group's leader, Nur Adam Maximillian from the Centre of Sports and Culture.

Also present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Ts. Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli and Centre of Sports and Culture Director, Professor Dato' Dr. Rosli Abu Bakar.

The flags of Jalur Gemilang were also distributed to representatives of all departments.

It has been a yearly tradition for UMP to celebrate the month of National Independence by organising a healthy lifestyle programme and this year's programme was the Fun Walk: 1,000 Merdeka Steps.

It was a show of support by the university in promoting healthy lifestyle in campus.

On the walk participated by the staff, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar said it demonstrated a high level of patriotism among staff and it was something they should be proud of.

"The walk is part of an event planned to celebrate a very special occasion, a manifestation of patriotism towards the country, its prosperity and well-being.

"We hope that with the activities organised, it will help instil and lift up the integrity and identity of Malaysians to a higher level and for them being and staying clean," he said at the launching of 'Love My Malaysia Fiesta' in conjunction with the 2019 National Independence Month celebration held at the university-level.

Various activities had been planned that blended two important aspects, patriotism and UMP as a centre of knowledge such as short video contest, talks on prominent personalities, exhibition on the Merdeka Day at UMP Library, Aspiration of Merdeka and Love My Malaysia Trip.

The aim was for UMP community and society especially the young generation to understand the meaning and appreciate the value of independence, earnestly and with gratefulness.