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## UMP alumni urged to contribute ideas

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The alumni of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) are urged to continue to contribute cultural ideas in the university for it will help the current Secretariat of Culture and Arts UMP maintain the heritage on campus. The presence of 23 alumni from Alumni Chapter (Culture) was the result of the initiative taken by the Centre for Sports and Culture UMP via the first organisation of a programme Sepetang Bersama Alumni (Kebudayaan) UMP at the Istana Hotel Kuala Lumpur on 21 December 2019.

It is one of the strategies to expand the UMP alumni network and empower the relationship between UMP and its alumni. According to the Dean of Student Development, Student Affairs and Alumni Department, Dr. Ahmad Johari Mohamad, the voluntary contributions to the alma mater maintain and expand the development and sustainability of this university.

"All alumni experienced university life differently; hence they can contribute to the university in different ways.

"We should preserve our heritage as it represents the identity of a community and can not be separated from society. It must be appropriately balanced and not dominated by any particular culture.

"Culture is not just music and performing arts. It also covers food, fashion, martial arts, painting, custom and other," he said.

He added that the youngsters are more likely to adopt the foreign culture.

"We need to preserve our own culture.

"The university welcomes all expertise and ideas from the alumni for the university to move forward.

"The alumni may also contribute in terms of donation or endowment to the UMP Foundation," he added.

At the same time, the alumni had the chance to get to know the current UMP achievements presented by the Senior Executive, Centre for Corporate and Quality Affairs, Hazlina Faizal, and the latest development in the Culture Department, presented by the Senior Cultural Officer, Mohd Zaki Ahmad. Muhammad Azim Omar, 31, the President of Alumni Chapter (Culture) also congratulated UMP for the outstanding achievements at the international level.

"After 10 years of leaving UMP, many changes have occurred. I am proud when the Culture and Arts Club UMP has been upgraded to the Secretariat of Culture and Arts," he said.

He is currently working as a Systems Engineer at Petronas ICT Sdn. Bhd. He expects more programmes will be organised in the future as the platform for networking and sharing ideas. Also present was the Director for Sports and Culture Centre, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Rosli Abu Bakar.

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