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MASTI SHOWS SUPPORT TO CHANA COMMUNITY, THAILAND

Chana, 27 July - Despite the bustle of public university administrators administering a university, it does not stop them from carrying out corporate social responsibility (CSR) to help those in need.

The project was organized internationally for the first time by Majlis Persatuan Pentadbir Universiti Awam Malaysia (MASTI) via Persatuan Pegawai Tadbir & Ikhtisas (POTENSI) UniMAP.

"The International Project : Volunteerism & Corporate Social Responsibility (iVCORE) is MASTI's aspiration to widen humanitarian aid internationally," said MASTI's Vice President, Wan Mohd Wazir Wan Abdul Wahab.

He added that this time MASTI and POTENTIAL had chosen to widen humanitarian aid internationally by selecting Khokkek Village in Chana as the first destination of iVICORE.

"iVCORE provides the opportunity to learn about the cultural similarities and differences of Kampung Khokket, which is a minority Muslim society in Thailand. Among the activities are the contribution and construction of schools in the mosque as well as sports activities and motivational talks with the orphans of the Santiwit School," Wan Mohd Wazir added.

"This program gives us valuable experience. There are many people who need help not only in terms of physical and material but also in the form of emotional and spiritual," he said.

In conjunction with the program, Majlis Agama Islam dan Istiadat Melayu Perlis (MAIPs) also allocated RM10,000 to assist the asnaf there.

The president of POTENSI UniMAP, Raja Shah Erman Raja Ariffin said that this international USR program was expected to spark ideas and awareness among participants in the effort to inculcate the spirit of volunteerism.

"I can see that iVCORE is able to provide exposure and new knowledge to the members of POTENSI and MASTI to not limit the duties and responsibilities only within the organization but to be spread beyond the job scope," he added.

iVCORE, together with 50 administrators from 14 public universities, was launched by Raja Muda Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail who is also the Chancellor of UniMAP.

“Such cross-border initiatives should be commended as it is a channel of assistance to those in need outside of Malaysia,” he said during the launching ceremony.

This is because in Malaysia, various government agencies are still able to perform the responsibility of helping the asnaf but in other countries such as Thailand, this responsibility has only been mobilized by mere concerned individuals," he said during the iVCORE launching ceremony.

Also present during the launching ceremony were Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni (HEPA) UniMAP, Associate Professor Dr Mohd Foad Sakdan.

In addition to the humanitarian aid, MASTI also visited Prince of Songkhla University (PSU) to exchange ideas on university administration as well as to strengthen existing relationships.

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