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UniMAP Iftar Kubra Programme 2019

Pauh Putra, May 13 – Each year Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) organises the Iftar Kubra Programme to break fast with the state community and donate to the underprivileged.

However, in midst of UniMAP students bustling to serve iftar during Ramadan, a number of non-Muslim students could be seen helping to spread the prayer mats and serve food for the Program Iftar Kubra UniMAP 2019 at the Dewan Ilmu, UniMAP Campus.

One of the students, Koay Shuni, 22, said she was excited to help Muslim friends to prepare for the breaking of their fasting.

She said that this was her first experience preparing for Iftar as there were not many Malay families living in her community.

“It's a new experience for my friend, Rachel Ooi Qian Yi, and I as we belong to a different religion and race,” said the UniMAP Student Council (MPP) Treasurer.

The Iftar Kubra Programme was organised by the UniMAP Student Affairs and Alumni Department and was attended by UniMAP Vice Chancellor Professor Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, Deputy President of Kompleks Penyayang Siti Hasmah Dato Abdul Azib Saad and the UniMAP top management.

Earlier, Zul Azhar said in his speech that in conjunction with the event, UniMAP has donated to 30 tahfiz students from Pusat Tahfiz Darul Hikmah, orphans from Kompleks Penyayang Dr Siti Hasmah and residents of Rumah Baitu Hanan.

He said two UniMAP students, Muhammad Iqbal Shah bin Zakaria (from the School of Manufacturing Engineering), was strong and persevered in taking care of

his younger brother and Nur Hidayah binti Kamal (from the School of Mechatronic Engineering) who cared for her three siblings after the death of her parents also received donations.

“As of last year, university channelled a total of RM55,000.00 to *asnaf* students from each UniMAP School which totalled to 550 recipients,” he said.

Meanwhile, one of the students, Muhamad Iqbal Shah, said the received contributions would be better utilised to accommodate his brother's needs who suffers from cancer.

“I would not tire of supporting my brother's fight against cancer, so he would be as happy as others celebrating the upcoming Eid.

“Thank you UniMAP for helping us both as well as ensuring that my studies are not affected by financial burdens,” the orphan added.