

Cross-gender mixing: To know our limits

KANGAR, 23 Mac — Daily activities requires us to have contact, to communicate and to mix around with people regardless their gender. However, to avoid social problems, there are limits in cross-gender mixing.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Student Affairs and Alumni, of Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Fo'ad Sakdan expressed that Malaysia is unique because it is a multi-ethnic nation and consisting of many religion beliefs.

“It is not surprising that Malaysia is looked up to because of its close social relationship among its citizen or in arabic, defines as ‘*majmuk*,” said Prof. Foad during officiating a forum on Hamony in Different Religions 2016 in Kecemerlangan Hall, Lecture Hall Complex, UniMAP Main Campus.

The forum, is titled Social Ethics: Through religions perspective, represented by 4 panel members that speaks for 4 main religions in Malaysia. The panel members are Officer for ‘*Institut Sunnah and Irsyad*’, From the ‘Mufti’ Department of Perlis, Mohd Azri Mohd Nasaruddin, Chairman of Arulmigu Arumugaswamy Devasthanam Temple Perlis, Dr. Hari Ram s/ o Ramayya, Representative from Buddhists Association Perlis, Chong Kian Yew and representatives for Christianity religion, Dr. Rangunathan s/o Santiago.

The one-day program attracted over 400 participants from among the staff and students of UniMAP. Prof Fo'ad added that generally, everyone should treat any religion fairly and think good about everybody regardless of their religious beliefs.

“We are aware that human would be better off with partners than being alone, as Prophet Adam, in his early years, asked for a life partner even though he was living a boundless and great life in heaven,” he added.

“To have contact, communicate and mix around with people is a nessecity, however, we should not take advantage of the situation and to take care of our cross-gender mixing, be it with our colleague, friends or even siblings,” he added.