

*Not difficult to be good – Farrah Hanim*

Rapid development and fast expansion of technology should not be used as a platform for any individual to display negative thoughts or behaviour, especially to ignite social or racial flame among us.

Instead, if technology and social media are being used well, it can certainly provide plenty of great benefits to the community and at the same time it may enliven again the love and respect that we have for each other.

Those are the main ideas portrayed by Farrah Hanim, during a group presentation in IMT-GT Varsity Carnival, held in Rajamanggala University Technology Srivijaya (RUTS) recently. Farrah Hanim is an undergraduate in Environmental Engineering from University Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).

The group managed to beat 4 other groups through its presentation using the hash tag of #Random ActOfKindness and #SharingExperience. According to her, their main presentation was about encouraging random and spontaneous act of kindness among people.

“We chose a few simple act of kindness and put it forward during our group presentation. The few act of kindness that we have chosen are the gift of smile, compliments, helping others, and good moral values. These are a few of many good values that everyone should portray through social media.”

“At the same time, my group members and I also stressed that, these deeds or acts are supposed to be genuine and not to show-off in social media. It is hoped that these will help to inspire others to do good deeds and act kindly.

Besides Farrah Hanim, the group is also represented by students from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Sumatera Utara (USU), Universiti Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara (UMSU), Universiti Medan (Unimed), Rajamanggala University Technology Srivijaya (RUTS), Prince Of Songkhla University (PSU) and Wailalak University (WU).

As for the topic that they have chosen, Farrah admitted that the presentation topic was brought up spontaneously through an event where she accidentally spill some coffee during their group discussion.

“I was panic, but the reaction of other group members made me feel calm as they offer assistance without any hesitance. This marked a deep impact on me as we are all from a totally different background; which proves that differences don’t matter when you want to do good to others”.