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40 MTUN STUDENT LEADERS CAMP AT KEMBARA ILMU

12 APRIL – More than 40 student leaders from the Malaysian Technical University Network (MTUN) gathered and camped out to participate in the *Kembara Ilmu* held at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) recently.

The five-day programme was packed with discussions about the direction of the MTUN Universities towards the Student Union and the contribution of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and MTUN to the industry.

According to the Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) Student Council Digital and Publicity Executive Committee Member Muhamad Zikry Mohd Zulkaflee, they discussed the recommended policies and framework that have been established by each MTUN university to strengthen the student organisational structure.

"After detailed discussions, we agreed that the Student Union will be a platform for students to maturely administrate the organisation without any interference from the university.

"In fact, the administrative structure of the Student Unions at MTUN universities will be different from other public universities," he said when contacted.

He added that the Student Union should be the primary source for ensuring administration transparency, integrity and professionalism in managing finance and student welfare programmes and activities.

"We also agree that the Student Union can be run in accordance to the prescribed work procedures which would involve nine Executive Committee members, each with a different scope of work.

"Those who are appointed must undergo various training so that they could manage the administration, finance, welfare and infrastructure of students wisely," he said.

He also added that besides the forum, they also held a thorough discussion on the contribution of TVET and MTUN to the industry.

"Although a lot of input had been acquired, but due to lack of time, the programme objectives could not be fully realised.

"However, I am confident that this discussion will be continued at the UniMAP student camp from 12th April to 14th April 2019, so that more input from various perspectives can be obtained to improve the existing system," he added.

Besides the 26 participants from UniMAP, the *Kembara Ilmu* was also attended by two other MTUN universities, namely Universiti Tun Hussien Onn (UTeM) with eight students and UTeM with 15 students.

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