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### **NEW UniMAP MPP BUILDING STRENGTHEN STUDENT UNION**

PAUH PUTRA – A building in the Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) Permanent Campus was bestowed to the university's Student Representative Council (MPP) to be more effective in management.

The building, dubbed the Student Union Complex, is set to be officially launched by the Minister of Education on 8<sup>th</sup> September in conjunction with his attending the Royal Debate Competition at UniMAP.

Nazifa Nordin, the 2019/2020 Academic Session MPP Deputy President, said that they were pleased to accept the building as a permanent location for students to conduct their activities.

“With this complex, a variety of activities and student administration can be carried out more efficiently. Besides that, the university has also approved the *Denai Mahasiswa* (Students' Trail) project that will have a significant impact on students' mobility from the residential colleges to the lecture halls.

“Hence, we are grateful to UniMAP especially to the Student Affairs and Alumni Affairs Department (JHEPA) for their endless support and encouragement with this generous gift,” she said.

The building, located at the School of Mechatronic Engineering, was originally a foyer for students as well as the administrative office of several UniMAP departments that have moved to other locations on campus.

Meanwhile, the Dean of JHEPA Associate Professor Dr Muzammil Jusoh said that he hoped that the existence of the complex would become UniMAP students' symbol of pride for the management's concern for them.

He explained that students could benefit themselves by utilising this dedicated complex as a starting point to create future leaders.

“It is in line with the ministry's aspiration to empower students, so it is important that the Student Union possesses adequate working space and operation rooms to plan, implement and manage students' welfare as well as all the unions registered at UniMAP,” he said in a statement here today.

He added that the Student Union has been given the authority to run its own business area or cafeteria at the complex, to generate their own income while reducing dependence on the university.

“This will also train the union in entrepreneurship and provide exposure to implement good and sound governance,” he said.

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