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## HUB A-HEART PROVIDES EDUCATION FACILITIES for CHLDREN with SPECIAL NEEDS

Pauh Putra, Jan. 25 - Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) organized the Talent Excellence Celebration for Children with Special Needs to highlight initiatives to generate children with special needs' talent in this country, today.

The program, which is an initiative of the Autism Hub for Educational Resources and Training (A-Heart), not only target children with autism, but all children with special needs in the northern region, particularly the state of Perlis.

UniMAP Vice-Chancellor, Brig-Gen. Datuk Prof Emeritus Dr Kamarudin Hussin said that besides highlighting talents of children with special needs, the program also introduced hub A-Heart and Hub A-Heart membership card.

He said that throughout 2015, the educational activity for children with special needs is somewhat limited because they had to temporarily use the UniMAP Mosque, however, starting this year, the Hub A-Heart is fully operational at the Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Library (PTSFP).

"The Hub is dedicated to provide space for resource and the organization of educational activities for these children can be done actively," he said in the program.

The event was also graced with the presence of The Crowning Princess of Perlis, Her Royal Highness Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil as the Pro-Chancellor of UniMAP, who is also the royal patron of A-Heart.

The Chairperson for PISKANITA UniMAP, Datin Noridah Yangman was also present during the event.

According to Dr Kamarudin, the hub A-Heart membership cards was introduced to

give special treatment to children and parents or guardians of such children to visit

PTSFP.

"The membership card provides an opportunity for the children and their guardians

to visit PTSFP to use the facilities such as lending books, educational toys, games

room and screening room.

"In short, through A-Heart, UniMAP is committed to draw up programs to ensure

the success of A-Heart and provide opportunities for children with special needs to

polish their talent," he said.

A painting exhibition, The Exploration Journey: An Art Exhibition produced by a

child with special needs, Kirtanraw Subramanian was also organized.

Parents having children with special needs that wish to get a Hub A-Heart

membership card may call 04-9885402 or email aheart@unimap.edu.my.

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