

## UniMAP Community Donated 7,388 Blood Bags Since 2010

Pauh Putra, 16 May - Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) which has been organising blood donation campaigns twice a month has successfully delivered over seven thousand blood bags to blood donation centres.

UniMAP has received a number of awards, such as the Northern Region Most Active Blood Drive Campaign in 2013 and 2014, for the amount of volume donated since 2010 until last April.

This was shared by UniMAP Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Madya Dr Mohd Foad Sakdan when he opened the UniMAP Public Universities Diligent Students Blood Donation Campaign at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Residential College here today.

Also present were Director of the University Health Centre Dr Muhamad Iqbal Omar and Kangar's Hospital Tuanku Fauziah (HTF) Head of the Pathology Department Dr Muhamad Faiz Fuad.

Mohd Foad said besides the appreciation given by the Northern Region Blood Donation Centre, UniMAP had also received accolades from HTF for the World Blood Donation Day programme in 2016.

He said that 2,052 members of the UniMAP community had registered to be blood donors but after being vetted they were disqualified for failing to fulfil the donor criteria. "Even so, 10 students have each been actively donating blood for more than 10 times, with the highest donation count being 28 times displaying a sign of diligence for community needs especially in this state which requires 160 blood bags a week and 8,000 a year," he claimed.

He added that besides carrying out university social responsibility for the community, these campaigns also foster the volunteerism spirit among UniMAP students.

"UniMAP's contribution is of great value and I hope that more from the UniMAP community would register as blood donors in this campaign," he said.

UniMAP organised the campaign with the cooperation of the HTP Pathology Department at 14 and 16 May in conjunction with the Blood Donation Week which involved 20 public universities nationwide.

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