

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **DISABLED STUDENT AMONG THOSE REGISTERED AT UniMAP**

Padang Besar, June 25 – Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), which has always been determined to produce holistic human capital that contributes to the country’s development and industrial competitiveness agenda, has widened its enrolment for the first time to accept a disabled (OKU) student in its diploma programme.

Perlis-born Muhammad Adib Wajdi Dzulhawira, 18, has been offered a place in the Diploma of Microelectronics Programme for three years or six semesters and is expected to complete the course at the end of 2020.

UniMAP Vice Chancellor Dato' Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal said UniMAP received information about the student who had failed to secure a place at other higher education institutions due to his disability.

“He obtained good Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) results and should be given the opportunity to further his studies.

“But it was informed that he did not make the first intake was due to his leg disability and this should not be the case,” he said after the 2018/2019 Academic Session Student Welcome Ceremony at the UniMAP Uniciti Alam campus yesterday.

He added that UniMAP is convinced that everyone should be treated fairly and any differences should not be a barrier.

"UniMAP is ready to help him realise his dreams and the first step is to offer him a place of study," he said.

Meanwhile, Muhammad Adib Wajdi, the eldest of two siblings, wants to prove to the world that his disability is not a barrier to becoming successful.

“As the eldest, I want to be the best example to my brother and to make my parents proud.



“Thanks to UniMAP for this opportunity and *Insyallah* it will not be wasted,” he said.

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