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"UUM : UNIVERSITI PENGURUSAN TERKEMUKA"
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THE SACRIFICE OF FRONT LINE PERSONNEL CONTINUES TO BE VALUED



UUM ONLINE: Although the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) and Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) have ceased, the sacrifices made by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) frontline personnel continue to be lauded.

This is especially so when they were feted at a specially held ceremony honouring the frontline personnel of UUM. The ceremony also honoured staff who enabled the University to obtain a 5-star rating in the MyRA as well as academic staff who received their letters of promotion. The event was held at the Mu'adzam Shah Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Bashawir Abdul Ghani said that the operations of UUM and UUM Kuala Lumpur Campus (UUMKL) had to be temporarily closed following the Prime Minister's Special Message regarding the implementation of the MCO that was carried out from 18 to 31 March nationwide.

According to him, during that period, academic and administrative staff started to work from home except those who were instructed to work at the office by their respective Heads of Departments.

However, he said, there were departments that operated as usual in accordance with the guidelines set by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) namely the Security Department, University Health Centre, Department of Development and Maintenance, Bursary, UUMIT, CIAC, Sultanah Bahiyah Library and HEP / Student Residential Hall with minimum staff.

"Well done! To all the staff who toiled hard to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic starting from the beginning of the MCO.

"The UUM Disaster Management Committee was established to coordinate the needs of the campus denizens during the MCO period and circulars related to the management and administration of the University were also distributed during that period," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor said in confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, UUM continued to plan various structured strategies and mobilized them to ensure that higher education will remain at its best. Various projects were carried out including activities to effectively occupy the time of the students who were not allowed to return to their respective hometowns during the MCO period.

He also expressed his heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to external agencies namely the Bukit Kayu Hitam Fire and Rescue Department, Kedah Contingent Police Headquarters (IPK), Kubang Pasu District Police Headquarters (IPD) and Kedah State Health Department that were involved in the Student Repatriation Operations carried out from 22 April to 28 May.

At the same ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor also expressed his heartfelt appreciation to all campus denizens who worked hard to enable UUM to obtain the 5-star rating in the Malaysian Research Assessment (MyRA) for 2017 and 2018 which was announced on 16 March by the Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Dr. Noraini Ahmad.

Also honoured during the ceremony were 16 academic staff who received promotion letters. A total of 11 academic staff were promoted to the position of Associate Professor while five others to the position of senior lecturers.



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