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UUM'S CONCERN FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN HELP IN THE SETTING UP OF THE UUM SPECIAL CHILDREN CLUB



UUM ONLINE: Various challenges confront parents with special children or People With Disabilities who are in need of the love and attention especially from their very own families.

According to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Salniza Mat Salleh, parents of these children needed support because they have been confronted with problems related to financial, time and energy in managing the needs and welfare of their children with special needs.

"There are some who experience high levels of stress and emotional stress compared to parents with normal children.

"Some of the causes of stress are related to high child management needs and lack of services and support," she said shortly before launching the UUM Special Children Club at the Sultanah Bahiyah Library, UUM.

According to her, the services and support for special children in Malaysia were far behind compared to those in developed countries and such conditions presented great challenges to parents with special children.

"Stress as well as emotional stress can affect work performance among parents.

"Realising that such problems exist in UUM and after several discussions amongst staff with special children, it is only appropriate for the establishment of the UUM Special Children Club as it provides an avenue for staff to gather and share experiences and knowledge," she said at the programme organised by the Staff with Special Children Club Sponsorship Committee.

The UUM Special Children Club aims to provide a platform that helps practitioners, academics and the community involved in this area to discuss the direction and strategies for the development of these children now and in the future.

The club also recognizes the current challenges and opportunities for developing these special children in an increasingly challenging socio-economic, technological and global political environment. It also builds a network of partnerships and collaborations with various stakeholders including research, training, consultation and development opportunities.

In addition, the club hosts special learning programmes and a number of activities in particular apart from functioning as a one-stop centre that meets the needs of special children as well as their parents or guardians.



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