Jakmas KKTM anjur Pertandingan Da'I Muda UMS pertama

JAWATANKUASA
Kebajikan Mahasiswa (Jakmas) Kolej Kedamaian Tun Mustapha (KKTM) bertanda seterusnya yang mengadakan pertandingan Da'I Muda UMS berpusat di Universiti Kebangsaan. Pertandingan yang berlangsung selama dua hari itu mendapat sokongan penuh daripada pelajar UMS. Pertandingan diadakan Dewan Utama Kolej Kedamaian Tun Mustapha.

Pengarah Program Nadzimah Dolly berkata, program di bawah 'exco kerehanan itu bertujuan mencipta satu pertandingan yang memberi impak berpanjangan kepada peserta dan penonton.'


Menurut Felo Pongayar Salwa Na'ain, program itu merupakan ide bersama Jakmas dan Barisan Felo dengan tujuan mencipta satu sejarah program berimpak tinggi di UMS. "Kami merujukakan pertandingan ini boleh kalipertama dengan haros pertandingan seperti ini akan dibawa ke peringkat lebih tinggi," katanya.

Da'I Muda UMS semim pertama itu dengan menggunakan dua bahasa iaitu Melayu dan Arab diadili juri mempukan yang juga pemenang Da'I Muda Rancangan TV3 2017, Da'i Aiman. Pertandingan itu disaksikan oleh Pengarah Majlis Ugama Islam Sabah Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Hj. Hasbullah Taha serta dibahagi oleh mahath taifah Priftatin Sabah.

Father and daughter graduate together

Leonard Alaza

KOTA KINABALU: A 54-year-old father and his 23-year-old daughter shared a memorable moment when they graduated togethe at the recent 29th University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) convocation.

Da'i Matangmal, a father of seven, received his PhD in Psychology while his daughter, Delaney Deffanny Dasing, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with honours.

"I'm very grateful and thankful to be able to finish my degree studies and graduate together with my dad. Not everyone has the heart to do further studies especially when reaching 50."

"But my dad was passionate about gaining knowledge when he still can. Now he's proved that he can. To all of us children, he is our role model," said Delaney.

She admitted that her years of study were not without challenges.

"My everyday challenge was to go back and forth from home to UMS. It was very tiring because, at the same time, I had my commitment to my rugby training," said Delaney, who plays for the Sabah Angel Warriors Rugby Club.

This year's UMS convocation saw 3,003 students graduating. But Dasing and Delaney were arguably the only father and daughter to have graduated together.

In the meantime, Dasing, who now can add the 'Dr' title to his name, said it had been a long academic journey for him that had constantly jogged his study time with being a dad of seven children and his job as a senior officer of the Royal Customs Department.

"This is such a meaningful achievement. And graduating together with my daughter has made it all the more sweet," said Dasing, from Beaufort.

He confessed, however, that there had been times when he was tempted to give up, but knowing that his daughter was going through the same struggle made him feel determined to finish what he had started.

Dasing said he values life-long learning and urged others to also gain as much knowledge as they can regardless of age.

He described himself as just another 'tanak kampong' (village boy) whose father, who was originally from Kaus in Kota Belud and mother, from Kg. Temi in Tampurui, worked hard as rubber tappers to raise their family. Taking from his personal experience, Dasing said humble beginnings also must never be used as an excuse for not pursuing knowledge.