

REVVING UP MEMORIES

A FUN DAY AT THE HERITAGE RACE WITH FRIENDS OF ARCHIVES



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On 24 June 2024, we, students in Diploma of Information Management, UiTM Sarawak Branch, along with our lecturer, Miss Suhaida Halamy, and Madam Nurfaizah Kamarudin, were invited to participate in the Heritage Race, a program organized by Friends of Archives (FOA), Sarawak State Records Repository.

We were told to gather at Parking B before 6.30 a.m. because we were going by bus to the State Records Repository. We estimated arriving at the venue at 8 a.m. After arriving, we needed to register as visitors and receive souvenirs. First and foremost, we were given breakfast, which included fried noodles, confectionary, coffee, and tea.

At 9:30 a.m., we were given a briefing on the second floor by Mr. Herrie Suliano Mohamad about the tentative activities we would do. Then, we were told to form five groups of five members. Next, the first game we played was weighing the items inside plastic bags; if we succeeded, we could proceed to the next checkpoint. At the second checkpoint, we got a mission to pop the balloons using a blowgun or "sumpit". At the third checkpoint, we were taught how to preserve maps correctly. If we succeeded, we could move on to the next mission.

The fourth checkpoint was to make the kite from scratch, and then, if our kite was flying well, we could move on to the next checkpoint. The fifth checkpoint was to go to the ARMS system to find documents inside the system. The sixth checkpoint was finding the file in the repository room. At the seventh checkpoint, we learned how to process the archive materials. We must clean the archive file at the eighth checkpoint using the correct procedure. At the ninth checkpoint, we were told to fold the record boxes from different sizes. The final mission was to rearrange all the articles collected throughout the race in the file record.

During the last session, before our lunch, we had a photo session with all the repository staff. Later, after that, we attended the closing ceremony. Mr. Wan Mazli Wan Razali, the Sector Head of the State Repository, delivered his speech to conclude the event for the day, which was followed by a prize-giving ceremony for all the winners. We received AEON vouchers as the prize. After the ceremony ended, we returned to UiTM by bus at 1:30 p.m. We had a lot of fun spending time there and hope to do these kinds of activities again.



Among the activities participated in by students during the Heritage Race, a program organized by the Friends of the Archives (FOA) at the Sarawak State Records Repository