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Madrasah Visit & Exchange of Knowledge 3.0: Empowering Tahfiz Students through Knowledge and Skills Transfer

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The Aiding in Sustainable Skills Empowerment & Transfer (ASSETS) programme was held from 16th to 18th May 2024 at UiTM Penang Branch, Permatang Pauh Campus as a remarkable initiative aimed at fostering knowledge and skills among students from Maahad Riyadhil Quran (MRIQ). This collaborative effort involved various departments and clubs from UiTM Penang, including the English Language Club, Academy of Language Studies (ALS) and Department of Computer Science & Mathematics (JSKM) lecturers, and students from Kelab Budi Penyayang and Frisbee Club. It was also supported by Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) and Switch.

The ASSETS programme was designed for UiTM students to transfer practical skills and knowledge to the public, enhancing their learning experience beyond traditional studies. This three-day program featured a series of engaging activities and learning sessions conducted by UiTM Penang students, culminating in the tahfiz students' participation in the Penyayang Charity Fun Run & Sukaneko 2024 organised by Kelab Budi Penyayang. On 16th May, the program commenced with the arrival of the tahfiz students at the Permatang Pauh campus. The morning activities involved team-building exercises to break the ice and foster camaraderie among participants by the English Language Club members. The students were introduced to various games that promoted teamwork and communication skills.





The afternoon sessions focused on vocabulary games held at the PTAR by ALS English language lecturers, providing an interactive platform for the participants to enhance their English language skills. The day concluded with a frisbee sports session conducted by the Frisbee Club, which was both fun and an excellent way to encourage physical activity.



On 17th May, the second day of the program, participants were engaged in several skill transfer sessions. Before that, in the morning, the participants get involved in fun Station Game activities conducted by the ALS English language lecturers and JSKM Mathematics lecturers. 2 English games and 2 Mathematics games were played, encouraging creativity and problem solving among the tahfiz students and their facilitators. Next, they learned how to make traditional Malaysian ice cream, "Aiskrim Malaysia," from the MRE (Ready-to-Eat) Team of culinary students of Kelab Budi Penyayang. This session not only imparted cooking skills but also allowed the participants to explore the creativity involved in making local

delicacies. In the afternoon, the participants were introduced to basic barbering techniques by UiTM Penang's own student-led barber club, BarberMania. This practical session provided insights into grooming and personal care, adding a unique dimension to their skill set. Later in the day, the tahfiz students and their facilitators visited the campus' Cat Transit Shelter located near Kristal college. Here, they interacted with stray cats and learned about animal care and shelter maintenance. This activity aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and empathy towards animals. Finally, at 9 pm, the participants learned how to create their own virtual Jenga game using iPads in a session conducted by Mr. Alliff Azlan from Switch.

The final day, 18th May, was also packed with activities starting with the Penyayang Charity Fun Run. The tahfiz students joined this event, which promoted health and wellness while supporting charitable causes. The run was part of the larger Penyayang Charity Fun Run & Sukaneko 2024, organised by Kelab Budi Penyayang. Post-run, the participants visited the Entrepreneurship Expo, exposing them to various entrepreneurial ventures and business ideas, encouraging a spirit of innovation and enterprise. The highlight of the day was the knowledge transfer session led by the physiotherapy students of Kelab Budi Penyayang. The tahfiz students were taught basic CPR techniques and back massage methods, vital skills that could be useful in everyday life. Meanwhile, a separate session was held for the MRIQ staff to formalize the partnership between UiTM and MRIQ through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). In the afternoon before the closing ceremony, the participants were invited to compete in the Tangram Rope Jump Challenge by Switch in PTAR.



All in all, the ASSETS program successfully achieved its objective of empowering tahfiz students with practical skills and knowledge. The collaboration and support from various UiTM departments and the community were instrumental in making this program a significant success.