

800 Students Join Love Malaysia Campaign With Aznil

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WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY – About 800 secondary school students in the Federal Territory of Labuan joined the Love Malaysia Campaign held at the Main Lecture Hall, Universiti Malaysia Sabah Labuan International Campus (UMSKAL), this morning.

Besides secondary school students, the programme that started at 11 am was also attended by Labuan Matriculation College students, staff, lecturer, staff and students of UMSKAL.

The programme organised by the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) in collaboration with UMSKAL also featured the nation's number one master of ceremony, Datuk Aznil Haji Nawawi, who is also the icon of Love Malaysia Campaign.

Also present were UMSKAL Director, Associate Professor Dr. Murnizam Haji Halik; Director of Coordination Division, Office of the Director of Sabah, Dayang Halimah Awang Ahmad; Director of the Inland Revenue Board Labuan branch, Zabidi Abdul Rashid; Deputy Director of UMS Labuan International Campus, Associate Professor Dr. Geoffrey Harvey Tanakinjal; Deputy Senior Registrar, UMSKAL, Zamri Haji Mohammad Tuan and Programme Coordinator, Nur Iman Reedzal.

Aznil said the Love Malaysia Campaign programme that came to a close at UMSKAL after it began a year ago touring the country.

He said the nationwide campaign and meeting society from all walks of life especially secondary school students and undergrads from Higher Learning Institutions (IPTA) was successful in achieving its objectives to ensure Malaysians exercise their duties to pay taxes.

“The response at each location was incredible and beyond my expectation, including the last location here at UMSKAL. I hope that through this campaign, more Malaysians will pay taxes as a responsibility towards the

country,” he said, receiving thunderous applause from the floor that filled the Main Lecture Hall of UMSKAL.

Aznil hoped that working Malaysians would allocate certain amount of money from their salary to pay taxes, that would be added to the country’s budget.

Touching on the target on secondary schools and universities in the campaign, Aznil said IRB wished to instill awareness to the younger generation while still in their school days before they step into the working world.

He also hoped that Malaysians would continue to inculcate their patriotism to the country especially when they are abroad.

“We have to instill a love for the country since young and not merely through speeches and slogans alone,” he added.

‘Pak Nil’, as he is fondly known, also encouraged students to always utter the word thank you to their parents who had sacrificed so much since their childhood until they become successful, the same should also be said to their teachers who had taught them and ensure their success.

“Do not forget to thank your parents, teachers and the government for helping us throughout the time,” he said.

UMSKAL was the 24th location for their Love Malaysia Campaign organised by IRB, and the last for this season.

Meanwhile, Dr. Murnizam thanked IRB for choosing UMSKAL as their location for this campaign, and as an expression of love towards our country.

He also welcomed collaboration with government agencies, private and non-governmental organisations (NGO) in organising a variety of programmes that benefits the campus community.

“Together with the campus community, I am proud and lucky to have experienced and gained knowledge through Datuk Aznil who is also the icon of the Love Malaysia Campaign.

“I am confident that the success of this collaboration with IRB in organising such programme had benefitted the community in Labuan, in particular secondary school students and undergrads of UMSKAL,” he said.

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