



The participants of the Matriculation English Immersion Programme and invited guests.

UMS hosts English immersion programme for Labuan Matriculation College students

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Education and Sports Science (FPPS), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), recently organised the Matriculation English Immersion Programme (MEIP) for 36 students from Labuan Matriculation College (KML).

The three-day programme aimed to enhance the English proficiency of KML students preparing for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) through a holistic and interactive learning approach.

Deputy director of Labuan Matriculation College, Syahmun Yahaya, said such initiatives are vital in helping students build confidence in using English in real-life situations.

"Through programmes like this, students not only have the opportunity to engage with university facilitators, but also to actively practise their language skills through group activities and discussions.

"This approach helps nurture more confident and fluent English speakers," he said.

Syahmun added that mastering the English language is essential for unlocking greater opportunities in both academic and professional fields, in line with today's global demands.

"English is the key to wider opportunities, whether in education or the workplace.

"All students should make

the effort to use English in their daily communication to build confidence and strengthen their language skills," he added.

The programme was conducted by nine UMS facilitators comprising students and lecturers from FPPS. Participants were B1-level users under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), as set by the Matriculation Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia (BMKPM).

Among those present were Head of the TESL Education Programme, Dr Megawati Soekarno; Head of the English Unit, Atlas Besik Niyo; and Programme Coordinator, Zaherah Abdul Rahim.