

# Breaking racial discrimination at UMS Labuan

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**LABUAN:** First-year UMS Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) students presented 'Tamiadun Asia dan Islam' (TITAS) or The Civilization of Asia and Islam at the botanical garden park.

Lecturer Hazmi Dahlan who is teaching the course at UMS-KAL, said that it was the first time the students did the presentation outside their class at the Botanical Garden since the course was introduced three semesters ago in UMS-KAL in 2009.

"Actually, TITAS was initially introduced at STPM level but we at UMS-KAL decided to introduce it at the campus and this course is relevant with my study in how to apply the Malaysia system in teaching and learning in UMS-KAL.

"I cannot deny that there is



Hazmi Dahlan

no race segregation or discrimination among the students.

"To minimize the situation, I ask the students from different races to mix in groups since three semesters ago to perform a play in front of other students during their presentation.

"By doing so, they will be busy among themselves to

prepare for the play where it can break the racial segregation," he added.

Hazmi said he would table his findings to the Ministry of Higher Education later regarding his TITAS presentation which he had been studying since three semesters ago.

"I will table the theory of doing outdoor class learning to the ministry for its positive impact on the students from the various races where it encouraged them to mix among themselves, compared to the study and exam theory in class.

"I was searching for a way on how students can apply the learning session where they can involve their souls to produce positive outcome for them and I believe this is a relevant way," he said.

In commenting the government's move to make

it compulsory for students to pass the history subject starting from 2012, Hazmi said it was a good move for the students to know their history well.

"Why history is important is because it will make us understand that our country is jointly developed by different races for a single goal, which is to make this country prosper.

"I hope my study on TITAS will be accepted by the Higher Education Ministry to make it available in other universities in this country," he said and stated that UMS-KAL was the first university to teach the subject which he had proposed to UMS before.

The students had their outdoor class the whole day on October 26 at the botanical garden where they also had their morning exercise before their class started.