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UiTM GARNERS 100,000 SIGNATURES

SHAH ALAM, Feb 8 (bernama) -- Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) has collected 100,000 signatures from its campuses nationwide for the campaign to collect one million signatures from Malaysians to express their opposition to war.

The UiTM programme, was organised by the university's students' council with the cooperation of People's Alliance For Peace Malaysia (Peace Malaysia).

Peace Malaysia, a grouping of some 200 non-governmental organisations (NGOs), is the initiator of the signature-collecting drive.

UiTM Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah said the programme enabled the undergraduates, who would become the nation's future leaders, to be more sensitive and think rationally especially on international issues.

"We held ceramah, workshops and expositions to guide them on how to behave and think rationally," he said after launching Peace Malaysia's campaign for central zone's tertiary education institutions at the UiTM main campus here today.

"The younger generation may not be aware of the current world situation which has been darkened (by conflicts)," he said.

The other participating universities in the programme are Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Malaya (UM), International Islamic University (IIU), Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten), Universiti Multimedia (MMU) and Universiti Industri Selangor (Unisel).

Three working papers would be discussed at the one-day event.

Prof Ibrahim would table "Palestine" while UiTM's Assistant Vice-Chancellor Prof Madya Rahmat Mohamed would be discussing his working paper entitled "History of War and Aggression".

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs) Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Noh Dalimin would discuss "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Atomic, Biological and Chemical" working paper.

Peace Malaysia representative Dr Adham Baba was also present.

He said the signatures would be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Peace Malaysia's gathering in Bukit Jalil National Stadium on Feb 23.

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