Unirazak gets into the festive spirit

Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (Unirazak), one of Malaysia’s leading universities in innovation, leadership and entrepreneurship, sponsored 15 pots of bubur lambuk at Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur, on Aug 17. This date was chosen because of its special significance of being Nuzul Quran (commemoration of the revelation of the Holy Quran).

Over 50 Unirazak staff and students volunteered to help with the cooking, packing and distribution of the bubur lambuk packets.

It is a custom of Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru (and many other mosques as well) to cook bubur lambuk during the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims to break their fast. Bubur lambuk is a traditional spiced porridge with the main ingredients being rice and beef. It also contains various spices and flavourings – Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru is especially famous for their bubur lambuk.

The food preparation began at about 7am after subuh or morning prayers – the meat was chopped, the herbs and spices were prepared, and the rice was boiled. These huge pots were placed on the gas fire and stirred continuously until cooked.

Throughout the cooking process various spices were added to give it the unique Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru taste. Once the porridge was cooked, each pot was topped with a generous amount of green herbs and fried onions.

Then the plastic containers were prepared, and the porridge was packed. Each pot can fill approximately 200 containers, meaning an estimated 3,000 containers were prepared. These containers were then stacked for easy distribution at 5pm after the asar (afternoon) prayers.

Unirazak president and vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Zahid Hj Abdul Rashid said, “We’re very grateful and delighted to not only be able to give back to the community but to be able to do so during the holy month of Ramadan. I’m also happy to see both our staff and students volunteering their time and effort to assist in the preparation and distribution. For that, I’m very grateful to the Almighty and to the brothers and sisters at Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru for giving us this opportunity.”

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People of all races were seen stirring the pots of bubur lambuk at Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru.