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Modern Languages and Communication faculty deputy dean Associate Professor Dr Abdul Muati Ahmad said working adults "might have financial difficulties or family commitments, but with PJJ programmes, they can focus on their dreams of a higher education."

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Muati said: "The communication degree is linked to journalism and broadcast."

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“We also had a 72-year-old who finished his Bachelor in Communication not too long ago."

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