



Pahang Menteri Besar **Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob** (centre) handing an award to **Abdul Syukor Abd Razak**, while UMP vice-chancellor **Prof Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim** looks on at the UMP Cendekia Bitara '13 Award Night in **Kuantan** recently. Pic by Luqman Hakim Zubir

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## 'UMP had winning streak last year'

**KUANTAN:** Focusing on research, creativity and innovation has enabled Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) to excel, with its researchers winning more than 80 awards in local and international competitions last year.

Its vice-chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim, said UMP had recorded a 100 per cent win in research and innovation competitions last year, clinching 36 gold, 25 silver and 12 bronze medals.

"Our researchers also walked away with seven special awards, making UMP among the leading technical universities in the country."

He said UMP had filed 196 patent applications locally and 10 overseas, with nine of them having been granted, including two in the United States.

"UMP lecturers have produced 340 scholarly publications, consisting of original works, monographs, conference papers, journal articles

and book chapters."

Daing Nasir said UMP's *International Journal of Automotive and Mechanical Engineering* was indexed by the world's largest abstract and indexing database, Scopus and Elsevier Bibliographic Database.

He said last year, UMP received research grants totalling RM16.13 million for 250 projects, which was 7.3 per cent higher than the previous year.

He said the total grants received by the institution were worth more than RM33 million, adding that UMP researchers also received RM500,000 in international grants last year.

Daing Nasir said UMP had allocated a 8ha site for the development of its Industrial Technology Engineering Space to help commercialise the university's research products.

He said UMP had also developed the RM25 million Centre of Excellence for Advanced Research in Flu-

id Flow, which would cater to the petrochemical industry in the East Coast Economic Region.

For the institution's excellent performance, Daing Nasir said 16 researchers and 23 staff had received awards from Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob at the UMP Cendekia Bitara '13 Award Night recently.

Among them was Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering senior lecturer Abdul Syukor Abd Razak, who secured the main awards in the icon and patent categories.

Syukor won several awards last year, including the World Inventor Order of Merit Award 2013 in South Korea, making him the first Malay inventor from Malaysia to receive the recognition.

At the dinner, Adnan presented the patent category award to Associate Prof Dr Arun Gupta and international grant category award to Dr Wan Mohd Faizal Wan Ishak.