



University Malaysia Pahang's (UMP) participation in the BioMalaysia Conference & Exhibition 2009, held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on November 17-19 last year, bore fruits when the university successfully brought home two gold and three bronze medals for its research and development products.

Innovative technological products by Dr Chin Sim Yea – *Process for the Production of Biodiesel with Glycerol Acetyl Additive* – and by Dr Hayder A Abdul Bari from the Faculty of Chemical Engineering & Natural Resources – *Aloe Vera Mucilage as new Flow Improving Agent in Pipelines Carrying Liquids in Turbulent Mode* – took home the gold, while a bronze each was won by Dr Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim (*Production of Commercial Bio Preservative for Food Industry Using Green Technology*), Dr Abdurahman H Nour (*Production & Demulsification of Virgin Coconut Oil by Microwave Heating Technology*)

and Auditya Puwandini Sutarto (*Biofeedback Learning Kit for Operator's Cognitive Performance*).

Themed “Accelerating the Commercial Value of Biotechnology”, BioMalaysia 2009 attracted almost 8,000 participants, including exhibitors from Public Institutions of Higher Learning and conference attendees from various industries. The conference and exhibition were officiated by Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak.

In his exhibition tour, the Prime Minister took the opportunity to stop by UMP’s booth to view for himself the many products innovated by UMP’s researchers.

UMP hopes this proud achievement will stimulate more innovative researches.