

UNDERGRADUATES EXCEL IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) had a lot to rejoice when 20 of its undergraduates did well at national and international events recently.

At the international scene, UMP won four medals – two gold medals and two silver medals at the 36th International Invention Show (Inova 2011) in Zagreb, Croatia.

Two of them received Special Award in the Young Inventor category.

Niak Jian Ran of the Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKPP), representing Petakom, won gold and received a Special Award for his project titled, 'A Novel Idea – Korean Invention News'.

The research project involved creating hand gestures that functioned as a base for a mouse, tasked of moving the cursor to the right, left and middle.

Nor Hidayah Dahari of the Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA), representing Perkasa Club, won a gold medal for inventing ultra-filtration membrane asymmetric (bio-mem) to treat low-quality drinking water.

Azimah Saman of Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resource Engineering (FKKSA), representing Chest Club, won silver and received Special Award (Best Invention Award-World Invention Intellectual Property Associations) for creating colours such as red, green, blue, yellow and purple from natural sources - dragon fruit, red chillies, turmeric and 'seduduk' tree.

These chemical-free colours are used in cosmetics such as lipsticks, blushers and eye shadows.

With these winnings and success stories, the masses will now be more attentive about UMP undergraduates, their presence and voice,

The second silver medal was won by Mohd Firdaus Mohd Yasin of Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering (FKEE) who represented EES Club.

He invented the first robot that used solar power agent. The robot could be used to perform agriculture works such aerating and watering the soil, spraying pesticide and sweeping hay.

On the home front, UMP Malay debate team, comprising Muhammad Qusyairi, Siti Aisyah Mustapha Hashim, Qamaruddin Mohd Fauzi and Nur Aida Faisal emerged as the champion and took home the 2011 Dato' Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil Trophy for the Inaugural Gender Debate Competition.

It was also icing on the cake when Siti Aisyah Mustapha Hashim was named as the best overall speaker.

The debate was organised by NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women (NIEW), an agency under the Woman, Family and Community Development Ministry, Malaysia Universities Debate Council (MADUM) and Higher Education Ministry.

They took home RM7,000 cash, a trophy and another RM500 cash for Siti Aisyah.

Another home front success was when Entrap team grabbed first placing in the 2011 National Higher Learning Institute Smart Business Challenge organised by Cooperative and Entrepreneur Development Institute (CEDI), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and Johor Corporation (JCorp) together with Malaysia Universities Entrepreneur Council (MAKMUM).

Entrap members were Nurizuddin Ahmad Hussin, Mohd Azizul Hafiz Abdul Sani, Mohamad Mohd Noor, Tuan Shahlan Tuan Safie, Saifuddin Abdul Aziz, Abdul Wahab Abdul Aziz and Hariz Sufiyan Mohamed Sanuari.

They managed to amass the highest assets worth RM95,524,200.

Entrap won i-Pad2 and a trophy.

Mohd Amirul Hakim Hamidi, Mohd Ezany Rosli, Noor Azreen Mohd Khairul, Mohd Ebran Razali, Mohd Zaidi Yahaya and Mohd Taufiq Rasdi of the Experia team won third place after accumulating assets of RM73,688,450.

They went home with i-Pod Touch and a trophy.

