

## TEAM UMP EMERGED AS WINNER IN MALAY CATEGORY IN ROYAL DEBATE



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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) debate team did the university proud when they emerged as champion in the Malay category in the Royal Debate 2012 by beating Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) team at the finals held at Cultural Hall, USM, Penang on February 15, 2012.

UMP, who served as the opposing team, was represented by Shabnam Parween Mohd Salim, Nur Aida Faisal, Mohd Amirul Hafiz Abdul Hamid and Wu Daniel.

They took home RM4,000 cash, a trophy and certificates.

It was a double joy for the team as Nur Aida Faisal was also announced as the best speaker and won RM1,000 cash, a trophy and

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Another debate team who took part in the Malay category (main) won third place and was rewarded with RM1,500 cash, a trophy and certificates.

The team comprised Siti Aisyah Mustapha, Muhammad Qusyairi Hashim, Qamaruddin Mohd Fauzi and Muhammad Iqram Zulkifli.

The winner for the category was Universiti Malaya (UM) while Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) was the first runner up.

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Siti Aisyah also added another prize when she received a MADUM (Malaysia Universities Debate Council) Special Award for being the driving force in a debate in a public university.

Siti Aishah Mustafa, 22, a third-year Applied Science degree student (Industrial Biotechnology), said she was thankful that UMP team did well in the competition.

"The win reflected UMP team's capability in being competitive against other universities," she added.

She hoped that the win would motivate the team to continue to be successful in the future.

Higher Education Deputy Minister, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah officially closed the event and presented prizes to the winners.

