

JAMUNAA WON TWO AWARDS IN THE CHINESE BRIDGE 2013



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Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKCP), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) undergraduate Jamunaa d/o Patchappan, 23, won two awards in the Chinese Bridge 2013 held at Hunan, China that began on July 1 until July 12, 2013.

Jamunaa took home the Excellent Award and Charismatic Award. She also received a scholarship sponsored by HANBAN in China for her to study Mandarin language in the country.

Mandarin language teacher and Jamunaa's coach, Yong Ying Mei, said the judges and audience were charmed by the Chinese dance number 'Burung Merak' (Peacock) and Jamunaa's

speech, titled 'Jodoh Saya Dengan Chinese Bridge' (My Fate With Chinese Bridge).

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"The competition is organised by Kongzi Institute headquarters in Beijing, China or also known as HANBAN.

"Jamunaa is the national champion for Chinese Bridge competition held in May. She was then nominated by Institute Kongzi in Universiti Malaya to represent Malaysia at the international level competition in China," said Yong who accompanied Jamunaa to the event.

Yong also said the participants were divided

into various categories based on the continents they were from – Asia, Europe, Africa, America and Australia.

The participants were required to undergo several tests, present performances, take part in question-and-answer sessions and make public speeches.

The international competition was organised by HANBAN, China together with Hunan Satellite TV. It attracted 123 participants from 79 countries.