

SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATE STUDENT

Nurulhusna Ab. Hamid, 28 years old, is a native of Langgar, Alor Star, Kedah. She received her early education in Alor Star and then pursued bachelors and masters degrees at Universiti Malaysia Sabah in Biotechnology. After a career stint with F.A. Herbs Sdn. Bhd. as QA/QC scientist, Nurulhusna assumed her present post as Research Officer at the Institute for Medical Research (IMR), Kuala Lumpur. She is assigned to the Medical Entomology Unit.

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According to Nurulhusna, *Aedes aegypti* mosquito spread dengue fever, Chikungunya, yellow fever viruses, as well as other diseases. While its origin is Africa, the mosquito is now everywhere. “My Ph.D study on *Aedes* control involves investigating the sexual behavior. I have to identify the semiochemicals since many organisms including mosquitoes use chemicals to communicate. They are like spoken words, each chemical is a message,” she observes.



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